

# Population Of World Totaled 3.8 Billion Person

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—The world's population, focus of attention at the U.N. Population Conference in Bucharest, totaled 3.8 billion persons at the beginning of last year, according to estimates of the U.S. Census Bureau.

The largest concentrations of people are in Asia, divided in the latest report into three sections: East Asia, 970.1 million; South Asia, 781.2 million, and Southeast Asia, 302.5 million. Europe is the next largest area with 706.8 million people; then Africa (excluding Egypt), 337.2 million.

The Latin American mainland had a population of 277.1 million, and North America followed with 231.2 million. The Near East (including Egypt) had 156.2 million people, the Caribbean Islands 26.0 million, and Oceania 20.3 million.

Among individual nations, China had the largest 1973 estimated population with nearly 793 million. Other leading nations, in order were: India, 596 million; Soviet Union, nearly 249 million; United States, 209 million; Indonesia, 128 million; Japan, nearly 107 million; and Brazil, nearly 102 million.

The Census Bureau reports lists population totals for 203 nations or "national entities," in addition to the totals for continents and subcontinents.

At present growth rates, the world's population is expected to double within the next 36 years, according to the report. The time required for this to happen, however, will vary widely from continent to continent, it states.

As an example, the doubling of the popula-

tion of North America is expected to take 113 years, but on mainland Latin America the population will double in only 24 years.

Estimates on the doubling of populations for other continents and subcontinents are as follows: Caribbean Islands, 29 years; Europe, 99 years; Africa, 27 years; the Near East, 27 years; South Asia, 30 years; Southeast Asia, 27 years; East Asia, 42 years; and Oceania, 43 years.

The bureau's report also shows birth and death rates for 1972, infant deaths, rate of natural increase in 1972, population under 15 years, life expectancy, and proportion of population which is urban.

The estimates in the report are based on U. S. and foreign censuses, population surveys,

vital statistics reports from various nations, and estimates from population officials throughout the world with whom the Census Bureau maintains contact.

The report contains the most recent in a series of annual world population estimates prepared for the Office of Population, Agency for International Development, by the U.S. Census Bureau's International Statistical Programs Center, apart of the U. S. Department of Commerce's Social and Economic Statistics Administration.

Single copies of the report, entitled "World Populations: 1973" (No. ISP-WP-73), are available for 40 cents from the Superintendent of Documents U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington district offices in major U. S. cities.

## Church Pension Plans Are Exempt From Reform Act

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Church pension plans are among those exempt from the landmark pension reform bill passed almost unanimously by both houses of Congress and probably scheduled for signing by President Gerald R. Ford on Labor Day.

The pension reform bill is designed to protect the interests of millions of American employees. The federal government was moved to this protective action by the rapid rise in recent years of private pension plans, cent years of private pension plans, the instability of many such plans and the losses sustained by many long-term employees who have been deprived of their benefits.

Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D.-Wisc.), chairman of the Senate's private pension plans subcommittee, said that the bill "is one of the most important pieces of legislation to protect the working man in years." The new law "will correct a long-standing, fundamental injustice that has annually deprived hundreds of thousands of American working men and women of pension rights," he said.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.-N.Y.), a long-time advocate of pension reform, said, "The pension reform bill is the

greatest development in the life of the American worker since Social Security. For the first time in our history, most workers will be able truly to retire at retirement age and to live decently on their Social Security and private pensions."

Pension plans exempt from the provisions of the bill, in addition to church plans, are governmental plans, those maintained solely for the purpose of complying with applicable workman's compensation laws or unemployment compensation or disability laws, plans outside the United States maintained for the benefit of nonresident aliens and unfunded excess benefit plans.

Under the new law, the term "church plan" means: (1) A plan established and maintained for its employees by a church or by a convention or association of churches which is exempt from tax under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or (2) A plan in existence on January 1, 1974, if it is established and maintained by a church or convention or association of churches for its employees and employees of one or more agencies of such church, if the church or agency is exempt from tax under

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## 'Reach Out' Sunday School Conventions Set Oct. 7-9

A series of six Baptist regional "Reach Out" Sunday School conventions will be held in the state Oct. 7-9, according to Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

The meetings will be conducted by two teams of outstanding Sunday School leaders, both from Mississippi as well as other states.

Each convention will be held from 8:30 - 9:15 p.m. and Sunday School workers from every church in the state are urged to attend the convention most convenient, Mr. Cummings said. At each meeting there will be conferences for every age - group, from Cradle Roll through Adults and General Officers.

The following team will conduct a convention Oct. 7 at First Baptist Church, Biloxi; Oct. 8 at Parkway Church, Natchez and Oct. 9 at Calvary Church, Jackson:

Mr. Cummings, team leader; Miss Thelma Williamson, Sunday School Department, Jackson; Mrs. Merle Harrell, Park Cities Church, Dallas, Texas; Robert Couch, Alabama Sunday School Department, Montgomery; Mrs. John Wilson, First Church, Jackson; Mrs. Bob Taylor, First Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Chester Vaughn, First Church, Nashville; Mrs. David Dean, Ocean Springs; Durwood Howard, Highland Heights Church, Memphis; Rev. Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., Sunday School

Department, Jackson; Farrell Blankenship, First Church, Hattiesburg.

The following team will conduct a convention Oct. 7 at First Church, Sardis; Oct. 8 at North Winona Church, and Oct. 9 at First Church, Pearl:

Billy Hudgens, Sunday School Department, Jackson, team lead; Miss Pat Rattton, Arkansas Sunday School Department; Mrs. Janice Comer, Grace Church, Statesville, N. C.; Mrs. Darlene Koch, Oklahoma Sunday School Department; Mrs. Betty Moore, Beuchel Park Church, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Catherine Prewitt, Bellevue Church, Memphis; Miss Nancy Norman, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock; Miss Elinor Briley, First Church, Memphis; Rev. Judd R. Allen, Sunday School Department, Jackson; Gene Hendrix, Van Winkle Church, Jackson; Dr. Thurman Prewitt, Shelby County - Baptist Association, Memphis.

## Alcohol Consumption In U.S. Is Up Sharply



### MISSISSIPPIAN HONORED AT RIDGECREST

RIDGECREST, N.C.—Leon Emery (center), church administration consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was given special recognition recently during the Bible Preaching Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center for holding more than twice as many conferences on small church administration in Mississippi than any other state convention. Howard Foshee (left), secretary of the church administration department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and Reggie McDonough, also of the Board's church administration department, are shown with Emery.

## Marriage Enrichment Retreats Planned For Church Leaders

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission, announces two more marriage enrichment retreats for church leaders which includes pastors and their wives and other church staff members and their wives.

The next retreat will be held at the Holiday Inn, Meridian, October 10-12. The retreat will begin Thursday evening and close Saturday noon. Only a limited number of couples can participate and reservations are made on a first-request basis.

A reservation fee of \$10.00 is requested, which will be applied to the food and lodging cost of the participants for which each couple is responsible. Harold Bergen of the Baptist Sunday School Board will lead the

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## State Court Clarifies BSSB Tax Petition

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Tennessee Supreme Court has replied to the petition of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to rehear its property tax case, which has been in litigation since 1969.

The reply spoke to the four questions raised by the board in the petition, which related to the formula set by the court the categorization of materials, the constitutionality of the matter and the further procedures to be followed.

In one major clarification, the court said property is exempt if used for activities with institutional authorization, or for activities related to institutional distribution or institutional subject matter. Previously the indication had been that exemption would apply only to property used for specifically denominational-related activities.

The court further stated that the Sunday School Board will be responsible for "good faith allocations" in helping determine taxability of its property, indicating that the tax assessing authorities would not initially be involved in reviewing individual publications in seeking to apply the taxation formula.

The court said its formula for determining exempt and non-exempt property in metropolitan Nashville was a refinement of that given by the chancellor in his 1971 ruling.

Refining the formula, setting up the "good faith" provision, and specifying the exemption of institutionally related activities diminished the question of constitutionality, according to the interpretation of the ruling by board authorities.

The clarification further stated that administrative areas for the board's distribution system (Baptist Book Stores) will be non-taxable to the ex-

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Carey College Enters New John D. and Ollie Thomas Business Administration Building officially on Aug. 29 with Mrs. Thomas cutting the ribbon. Some 350 guests attended the day-long celebration that included a convocation, dedication ceremonies, and a special luncheon honoring the Thomas family. Taking part in the service of education, from left, above, are: Professor Jerry King, chairman of the Carey department of business; Miss Carey College of 1974 (Elaine Ross); Carol and

Kathy Thomas; Mrs. John D. Thomas (doing the honors); John D. Thomas, Lynda Thomas Thomas, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college; and Dr. Glen Pearson, who offered the dedicatory prayer. Two persons not shown in the photo who participated were Johnny Thomas, only son of the Thomases, and Dr. Bruce Aultman, chairman of the Carey Board of Trustees.

## Carey Marks Formal Opening Of New Thomas Building

### Parimutuel Gambling Defeated In Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—A parimutuel gambling proposal in Oklahoma was defeated by a 63,000-vote margin during a primary election that produced one of the largest voter turnouts in the state's history. Final results of the election reported 405,882 voted "no" and 342,689 "yes" to a proposal that would have legalized parimutuel horse race betting on a county option basis.

Jack L. Gritz, editor of Oklahoma's state Baptist newspaper, The Baptist Messenger, said the campaign against the proposal began last November when the state convention voted funds to oppose it. A few days before the election, Baptist churches were urged to start a telephone campaign.

"It may have been part of the difference," Gritz said. "It looked from the polls like we might lose." Last May, Baptists in Texas combined their efforts to help defeat a parimutuel gambling proposal in that state.

William Carey College celebrated the official opening of the John D. and Ollie Thomas Business Administration Building on August 29 with a full day's schedule of activities, highlighted by a ribbon-cutting at 11 AM at the entrance to the new structure.

Named in honor of the Thomases, the building stands on the front campus near the Tuscan Avenue side. It is designed to adequately house the growing business, economics, and secretarial science departments of the school. Dr. Jerry King is chairman of the Business Administration Department and presided on Thursday over official dedication services.

Dr. Bruce Aultman, chairman of the Carey College Board of Trustees, spoke briefly concerning the building to the large crowd of friends and supporters of the college who gathered for the occasion. Dr. Glen Pearson, also a trustee, offered the dedicatory prayer. John D. Thomas spoke on behalf of his family, expressing gratitude for the naming of the new facility in honor of his wife and himself.

Earlier in the morning Dr. Tom Haggal of High Point, North Carolina, spoke to a capacity crowd of students, faculty and guests at the opening convocation the new school year.

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CLEVELAND (RNS) — Alcoholic beverage consumption increased in the U. S. by 115 million gallons from 1972 to 1973, the president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union reported here.

Addressing a pre-convention session of the organization's 125-member executive board, Mrs. Fred J. Toose cited a report of the U. S. Treasury Department that total consumption of alcoholic beverages in the U. S. was 4,851,000,000 gallons last year, compared with 4,736,000,000 in 1972.

That adds up, she said, "to 23 gallons of booze per year for every man, woman, child, and infant in the nation. Infants are not imbibing yet so far as we know, but children as early as nine years of age have been treated for alcoholism."

Mrs. Toose declared that "the continuing spiraling of the use of alcoholic beverages, most especially at a time when inflation and rising unemployment is taking a strangle hold on the economy, should be a matter of concern to every thinking American."

Whereas the drinking public consumed 2,923,000,000 gallons of alcoholic beverages in 1949, she reported, by 1968 the figure had risen to 3,662 billion gallons.

The retiring president of the WCTU commented that "in spite of the continuing rise in liquor involved costs in broken marriages, traffic fatalities, industry absenteeism, and rehabilitation, the liquor industry continues to encourage a gullible pub-

lic to drink through multi-million-dollar advertising, and a cleverly manipulated public relations program geared to entice the unwary to sample their products."

She maintained that "with laws now lowering the drinking age to 18 spared a legal determination of guilt or innocence in Watergate on the

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## Conditional Amnesty Okay By Evangelical Leader

ARLINGTON, Va. (RNS) — Draft resisters and military deserters from the Vietnam war period should return to the U. S. neither as heroes nor as villains, according to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, the evangelical theologian.

The former editor of Christianity Today magazine believes, with President Ford, that conditional (earned) amnesty should be granted. And he agrees with a Pentagon proposal that would require 18 months of alternate service.

Dr. Henry also feels that contribution, an acknowledgement of wrongdoing is necessary, a position also held by U. S. Attorney General Wil-

liam B. Saxbe.

A statement on the amnesty question was issued by Dr. Henry from his home here. It updated and expanded views expressed last July in Eternity Magazine. He wrote in Eternity that amnesty should be linked to the U. S. bicentennial and should correlate "compensatory justice with redemptive mercy in a manner not breaking faith with prisoners of war and those who took military service."

According to Dr. Henry, Richard Nixon's "runaway" from the Presidency is complicating the amnesty issue, already "befuddled by confusion over justice and mercy."

Dr. Henry said that if Mr. Nixon is (Continued On Page 3)





Puppets of the New Californians Productions are in their fifth year of puppet shows and training seminars. They will be at First Church, Jackson, September 18.

## Training Seminar In Basic Puppetry To Be Held At First Church, Jackson

The New Californians Production will conduct a training seminar in Basic Puppetry at First Church, Jackson, on Wednesday, September 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

In the past three years, thousands of teenagers, college age students, Sunday School teachers and elementary school teachers have been trained in puppetry by Bill Hawes and The New Californians Productions Puppet Team.

The training seminar will feature a professional group of puppeteers who will perform colorful puppet shows and demonstrations. They will teach the basic techniques of puppetry in the 3 1/2 hour seminar.

Training will include: How to perform live shows and taped shows; Using puppets as teachers; How to manipulate hand puppets; Performing puppets in public school; Using pup-

pets as an effective church ministry in Sunday School, Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Clubs and Bus Ministries.

The seminar is designed to train those who know nothing about puppetry but want to learn. Also, the seminar will help polish those who have had some experience in puppetry.

Those attending the seminar are asked to dress casually and comfortably because everyone attending will be performing behind the puppet stage. The seminar will be exciting and entertaining, but is designed to train those in attendance to become puppeteers. In order to give personal attention to everyone, only a limited number of registrations can be accepted. Those interested should register immediately at First Baptist Church-Jackson, or phone 948-8780.

## European Baptist Federation Elects Goncalves, Bichkov

Members of the council of the European Baptist Federation from 16 countries of Europe met at the Baptist seminary and folk high school in Stabekk, Norway August 24-25.

The Rev. Jose Goncalves of Porto, Portugal was elected EBF president and Alexei Bichkov of Moscow vice president for the coming year.

The present executive committee was continued in office for another year in order to complete work on revising the EBF constitution. The Rev. C. Ronald Goulding of London is general secretary.

The council received reports from the European Baptist women's union, committees on work in Austria, Belgium and Romania, evangelism, radio and television, the World Mission of Reconciliation, men's work, youth activities, European Baptist Missionary Society, press service and the North European Free Church Center.

There was acceptance in principle of a proposal to integrate the EBF more into the organizational structure of the Baptist World Alliance and the revising of the constitution is to facilitate this.

Among further reports received was one concerning plans for the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden July 8-13, 1975. It was presented by Dr. Gerhard Claas, general secretary for German Baptists, who is program chairman for the congress.

A budget of \$3,950 was adopted for

the council's activities in the coming year. In addition, nine special projects, mostly for the building of chapels in East European countries, mostly for the building of chapels in East European countries, were approved for appeals to European churches in Western Europe and other supporters of the EBF program.

The council voted a formal invitation to the European Baptist Convention (English-language), which has for years given financial support to the EBF, to join the federation. (EBF)

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Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were unveiled at this time and presented to the school for hanging in the John D. and Ollie Business Administration Building. The Thomases only son, Johnny, made the presentation.

The other three Thomas children, Carol, Kathy and Lynda (Mrs. Tom Thomas) were with their parents on the platform.

At 12:30 in Wilkes Dining Hall the Thomases were again honored by a luncheon to which over 350 friends were invited. Special guests for the entire day's activities were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gibson, Sr. from Dallas, Texas, founders of the Gibson Discount Store enterprise, with whom the Thomases have been associated during the past fourteen years.

"It was a highlight in the life of William Carey College," commented Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college, concerning the day of dedication. "The impact of John D. Thomas and his family upon the life and success of Christian higher education will be felt here for many years to come. We are grateful for what they mean to our total program."

Thomas is a member of the Carey College Board of Trustees.

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tent that these areas are distribution centers for exempt materials.

The next step in the case will be a review of the Supreme Court ruling by the metropolitan chancellor.

The tax case began in 1969 when the metropolitan Nashville tax assessor placed a new assessment on all Sunday School Board Nashville property. The case was appealed to the state Supreme Court after the matter was not satisfactorily and clearly decided by the metropolitan and state boards of equalization and the Chancery Court and state Court of Appeals.

Rulings of the lower bodies were appealed by the board and the United Methodist Publishing House whose properties were taxed at the same time, and by the metropolitan assessor, because of lack of charity.

The state Supreme Court, which heard the case initially in December, 1972, reheard it in December, 1973, by its own request. It took this final action on August 26, 1974.

## Arkansas Honors McDonald, Approves Record Budget

LITTLE ROCK (BP) — Erwin L. McDonald, retired editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine was unanimously approved for editor emeritus status by the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting here.

McDonald, who edited the Southern Baptist newsmagazine longer than any other editor of the publication was recognized at a meeting in which the board recommended a convention budget of \$4,294,047, the largest in its history.

The recommended budget will be presented to messengers at the November, 1974 annual convention of Arkansas Baptists for their approval.

McDonald served as editor from March, 1957 to Jan., 1972 and is the first person from the news magazine to be granted emeritus status.

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grounds that he has. "suffered enough, it will be hard to insist on punishment for military defectors who insist on the moral rightness of their acts.

He thinks that hinging amnesty to Mr. Nixon's situation is an evasion of the real issues and will multiply confusion over right and wrong.

Dr. Henry maintains there are grounds for pardon for draft resisters and military deserters, when alternate service is required, because both the nation and defectors failed in important ways in regard to the Vietnam war.

The evangelical leader recalled that he said in his Eternity article, "If military deserters failed the nation by their disregard of the law of the land, the nation too failed to make its commitment to the war — a war it did not intend to win."

Dr. Henry disagreed with churchmen who call for universal, or unconditional, amnesty. Such a course, he said, would "not only introduce new and costly resentments into American society, but also contribute further to an obfuscation of justice and a sentimentalizing of pardon."

He contends there can be no "healing from the Vietnam experience... apart from a recognition and confession of failure" — on the part of the nation and the resisters and deserters.

Dr. Henry would have each case reviewed on its own merits by representative local boards so that local communities can share in the decisions made.

"Even though many defectors and particularly deserters are unlikely to return to live in their own home towns," he said, "they should not expect from the nation what their townspeople would withhold, and their townspeople should confer without reserve all the prerogatives of an equitable and compassionate national policy on amnesty."

## McCullough Tells How Ford Impressed Him

By Glendon McCullough

President Gerald Ford impresses me in many ways.

He's sincere, cooperative, generous, possesses integrity, shows concern for people, and is thorough in his work.

I got those impressions of him prior to and during the breakfast for Baptist lay persons which the Brotherhood Commission sponsored in Dallas on June 14. Mr. Ford, then Vice President, was the principal speaker.

In the early planning stages, Mr. Ford agreed the breakfast for Baptists would get his complete attention during his Dallas visit and wouldn't be tied into any political activities.

To further demonstrate this commitment, Mr. Ford discouraged airport-welcoming committees of any type from Texas friends and went directly to his suite after exchanging pleasantries with the hotel manager.

Mr. Ford's concern for people was evidenced by his understanding of the role of the Secret Service.

At the breakfast table I expressed to him my appreciation for the good working relationships the agents had with us and hotel personnel. Mr. Ford replied:

"Well, I'm glad you mentioned it because I was going to ask about it if you didn't. When I first became Vice President, I talked with the Secret Service detail and instructed them that they were to use tact and diplomacy and that they were not to be rude.

"I told them I knew they had a job to do to protect me but they were to be considerate of individuals as persons, and that if they could not con-

## Missionaries Know: 'You Meet The Nicest People On A Honda'

By Jim Newton

DOTHAN, Ala. (BP) — He stands only 5'4" and weighs only 115 pounds, but when Clyde Townsend, a motorcycle dealer from Dothan, Ala., mounts his 350 cc Honda, he is as big as any bruiser who ever rode a bike.

And when it comes to supporting missions, Clyde Townsend, a deacon and active member at Southside Baptist Church here, is one of the biggest men around.

Townsend has ridden a Honda through 10 countries on three continents, and everywhere he goes he tells Southern Baptist missionaries he and other laymen like him love them and pray for them daily.

So far, Townsend has given three motorcycles to missionaries to enable them to travel to remote regions they might otherwise be unable to reach with the gospel.

And he says he is just getting started. His goal is to give a motorcycle to every one of the 77 countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries.

God has been with him in sickness and in health, the modest Townsend says, and has led him to the place in life where he wants to give all he can to support Christ's work in the world.

Fifteen years ago, Townsend lay flat on his back suffering from tuberculosis. For nine months he lay in a hospital, struggling to recover.

He says he has had almost every imaginable kind of health problem and countless broken bones from motorcycle falls. He's had some narrow escapes from death and feels God has allowed him to live and blessed him financially so that he can give more in return to support missions.

Missions really came alive to Townsend four years ago when he decided to ride his Honda CB350 from his home in Dothan, Ala., all the way to the Panama Canal Zone and back.

During the two month, 9,500 mile trip he crossed borders of countries in Central America 26 times without trouble, knowing only one sentence in Spanish: "No hablo Español." (I do not speak Spanish.)

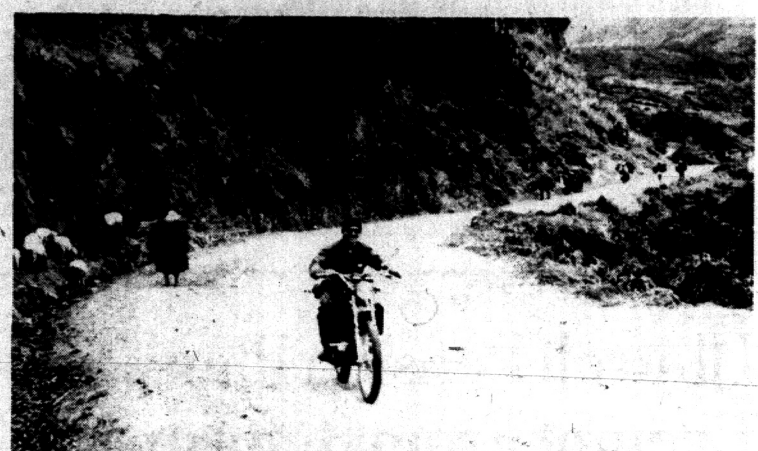
He made another trip last year to visit missionaries in the interior of Kenya and Tanzania in East Africa. A number of areas he rode through teemed with wild game, but he was careful to give lions and elephants and other large game a wide berth, since most have never seen a motorcycle.

In his adventures Townsend combines his great loves in life — his love for motorcycles and riding, his love for Christ and His Church and his love for missions.

"You know, when a layman like me rides up on a motorcycle, meets a missionary for the first time on the field where he serves, tells him that you love him and pray for him every day, that missionary really believes you mean it," Townsend remarked.

A jack of all trades, Townsend puts his love into action once he is on a mission field. "Clyde can do anything," his pastor Ken Harrison, said. "He can do carpentry work, he is a mechanic and even an electrician of sorts."

On the trip to Central America, he helped repair the roof and electrical wiring at the Baptist camp and the



Clyde Townsend, owner of Honda of Dothan (Ala.) rides down a mountain road in Ecuador on one of several mission tours overseas he has taken to visit and work with SBC missionaries. "When a layman rides up on a motorcycle, meets a missionary on the field where he serves, tells him he loves him—that missionary believes he means it," Townsend says. He hopes someday to visit all 77 countries where Baptist missionaries serve, and to give each mission station a Honda. (BP) Photo

Spanish language institute in San Jose. In remote mountains on Honduras he did carpentry work and put a new roof on a church building.

On his second trip to Ecuador, Townsend rode his cycle to Cuenca, where missionary Archie Jones started the first church in the city of 100,000. During the month he was there, Clyde helped break ground and begin construction on the new church building. He also did a lot of electrical wiring and mechanical repairs for the missionaries.

"Missionaries really have a problem about mechanical breakdowns overseas," Townsend observed. "They can't get parts, and if they can, there is no one to repair American-made equipment and appliances." In addition, the missionaries are so busy, and often do not have the skills, to do the repairs themselves.

Townsend still had time to fish for rainbow trout in the mountain streams of Ecuador and to spend time with the missionary kids.

"One of my strongest ministries," he said, "is in talking with and playing with the MKs, and taking them for rides on the Honda."

The trip to Africa last year was the highlight of Townsend's missionary experience as a layman. He went first to Nigeria to help his pastor lead a series of lay evangelism schools.

While his pastor taught the Nigerians in the classes on lay witnessing, Townsend handed out the materials and tracts, did his own personal witnessing and repaired broken appliances and equipment for the missionaries.

Going on the mission trips is just one part of Townsend's experience as a layman. Almost as vital is what he does when he returns home, his pastor said.

Missions has come alive to the people of Southside Baptist Church in the last four years, primarily because of the example and testimony of Clyde Townsend and his wife, his pastor said.

This summer the church is sending 16 young people and the Townsends to the Leeward Island of Antigua between the Atlantic and the Carib-

bean, on a singing, witnessing, puppet show, and Vacation Bible School-conducting trip.

Two years ago, Mrs. Townsend went on a mission trip to seven countries in East Africa. It was her excitement on her return that inspired her husband to want to go there too.

"She is even more missions minded than I am, because she has studied missions through Woman's Missionary Union," Townsend explained.

In addition to going, doing, and praying, Townsend has led his church in missions giving.

"The Lord has blessed me financially and spiritually," he said. "He's given me far more than I'll ever be able to give His church and to missions. I'm just a common old boy who loves the Lord, and I want Him to get the credit, not me."

Townsend said he hoped other laymen would see the challenge of missions, and seek not only to increase their financial and prayer support, but to visit foreign mission fields through the Foreign Mission Board's short term missions projects coordinated by Eugene Grubbs, consultant on laymen overseas.

"If people just knew what a layman could do by going to a country overseas for just a few weeks to really help the missionaries there, they would respond," Townsend said.

Few laymen, however, can go the way Townsend does.

For it is a rare breed who is big enough to mount a motorcycle in freezing weather, tighten up a black leather jacket, and ride 9,500 miles round trip over rugged terrain — on a motorcycle! (Adapted from the August issue of World Mission Journal.)

RECIFE, Brazil — Miss Ida Mae Hays, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, has been selected to be listed in the 1975-1976 edition of Who's Who of American Women. Miss Hays is the Woman's Missionary Union regional representative for six states in north Brazil. She spent a year studying Portuguese in Campinas, Brazil, before moving here.



## Jackson Choir, Orchestra To Repeat "Alleluia!"

Larry Black, minister of music at First Church, Jackson is pictured with arranger Ronn Huff of Nashville who recently visited in Jackson to help prepare the choir and orchestra for "Alleluia!"

A repeat performance of "Alleluia!", a "praise gathering for believers," will be presented by the 150-voice Sanctuary Choir of First Church, and a 30-piece orchestra. The performance will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary, on Sunday, September 15.

The work, by Bill and Gloria Gaither and Ronn Huff, involves choir, orchestra, soloists, narration and congregation.

Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus, will be the narrator in the performance. Other soloists include Gaye Parks, Jim Hankins, Fulton Jordan, Jr., Al Doty and Clyde Cranford.

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in many states, we are in essence dropping the age even lower as children are dared to participate in drinking."

Mrs. Toose pointed out that "it is now becoming fashionable to use wine in cooking and as an adjunct to dinner parties. This is evidenced by the fact that between 1972 and 1973 wine consumption increased 104 million gallons — from 191 million in 1972 to 295 million gallons in 1973."

taverns and bars has remained static for a number of years, the WCTU president noted that "beer for home consumption has increased by 92 million gallons in the one-year period. In spite of the misinformation that beer is non-intoxicating, one glass of beer contains as much alcohol as a shot of whiskey. The reported cost of alcoholic beverages was over \$27 billion for fiscal year 1972-73."

As the WCTU enters its second century, Mrs. Toose said, its leaders should exercise "even greater fervor and determination" to educate the public concerning alcoholic beverage use and to strive for local-option elections toward "drying up" residential communities.

"In this manner," she concluded, "great strides can be made toward the stabilization of the economy, and toward the protection of the home which, in the final analysis, is the backbone of national security."



# Church Pension Plans Are Exempt

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section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

**Board Meets And Surpasses Requirements**  
By Theo Sommerkamp  
DALLAS (BP)—The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is already meeting or surpassing the requirements set up by the pension reform act passed by both houses of Congress, the board's president said here.

The pension reform act, "As it now stands, will not materially affect the

operations of the Annuity Board," said Darold H. Morgan. "It will specifically exempt church retirement plans for coverage."

The reform bill, passed overwhelmingly by both the House and the Senate, requires employers to meet one of the three minimum standards: (1) Vesting 25% after five years, increasing gradually to 100% after 15 years; (2) Full vesting after 10 years; (3) Vesting of 50% after a worker's age and years of service total 45, increasing gradually to 100% over the next five years.

The term "vesting" refers to the

guarantee to a worker that he have a right to these pension funds the employer cannot take away.

Employers, the reform bill states, must file extensive records and reports with the government regarding their pension program and must also report periodically to those who are covered by the retirement plan.

Morgan explains how the Annuity Board meets or surpasses these requirements: "Plan A (The Southern Baptist Protection Plan) has all its rights fully vested from the first day. Plan B (Age Security) and Plan C (Variable Benefits Plan) are fully vested in not more than 10 years in any case and begin their vesting with the very first day," he pointed out.

"The Annuity Board holds sufficient funds to pay every beneficiary such benefits as he or she has earned up to the present time by employment. In the area of administration and fiduciary responsibility the board meets all requirements of the reform bill," Morgan continued.

"When it comes to reporting, the Annuity Board reports its total operations annually to the Southern Baptist Convention and also furnishes individual report statements each year to every member of any of the plans," the Annuity Board's president declared.

# Marriage Enrichment Retreats Are Planned

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retreat, with Dr. and Mrs. Hensley and others assisting.

A marriage enrichment retreat is not for sick marriages but deals with the communication techniques of a positive approach to do preventive maintenance in marriage relationships.

Another purpose of these retreats for church leaders is to train couples to conduct such retreats for certification by the Family Life Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board or the Christian Action Commission. Couples must participate in two retreats and attend a one-day workshop on how to conduct a retreat. Some testimonies from previous retreats follow:

"The retreat was for us timely. We brought several years of experience in marriage to it. We needed to consolidate the gains of these years even as we needed to reaffirm commit-

ments and rekindle some fires. We needed to deliberately prepare for the new period of life together being brought about by our children leaving home for college and careers of their own. Apart from this retreat, it is unlikely that we would have taken such a block of time to devote to these purposes on our own initiative even if we possessed the necessary techniques for it." Holmes and Carmel Carlisle.

"In retrospect, the Marriage Enrichment Retreat stimulated the old hood — Learning afresh to verbally and nonverbally express love — Uninterrupted togetherness where roles of breadwinner, housemaker and parenthood were temporarily abandoned. This experience of sharing with others was a high point in our sixteenth year of marital pilgrimage." Dick and Kitty Brogan.

"The marriage enrichment retreats which we have had the privilege of attending have been a genuine renewal experience for our marriage. We have always felt we have a good marital relationship, but we have found that this experience has served to make the good even better. It is something like the merchandise advertised as good, better and best. Why settle for the good when the best is possible? We are eternally grateful for the invitation to share in this most enriching experience." Billy and Mae Ora Johnson.

"What an apt title! It was just that. I will be a better husband, a better father, and a better pastor because of this rich experience. There was so much help packed in such a small parcel of time. I shall be eternally grateful for the experience." Charles Myers.

The last retreat for church leaders will be held in the Gulf Coast area February 27 - March 1, 1975. Those interested in attending either retreat may contact Dr. Hensley by writing to P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

# Richland Church To Sponsor Outreach Meet

W. A. (Bill) Powell, Sr. will conduct a three - day outreach meeting at Richland Church, Plain, September 13-15. The emphasis will be on enlarging the Sunday School through the Sunday School and bus ministry. Help will be given to the Sunday School leadership in "Better Bible Teaching," "Better Visitation," and "Building Better Children's Church Services."

With no registration fee, all churches are invited. Bus workers will get valuable training.

The Friday session begins at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday there will be morning, afternoon and night sessions, according to the pastor, Rev. Paul B. Williamson.

During Powell's eleven years on the leadership staff of the Home Mission Board he pioneered in and developed the techniques for using the television evangelism. He also pioneered phone in canvassing and in person and developed effective procedures to help churches establish an aggressive church bus evangelism ministry.

Mr. Powell has served as the bus director for three churches. He has started a number of bus routes. He planned and conducted the first three bus clinics ever held in the SBC. Since then he has participated in about 200 bus clinics and children's worship clinics. He has personally enlisted new bus riders in at least twenty states from coast to coast. He has helped many dozens of churches double their average attendance and triple their annual baptisms within a few months.

He is a member of the North American Association of Ventrioloquists and Fellowship of Christian Magicians, and the author of six books. He is the owner and chief operator of Amateur Radio Station K4BSM, Mr. and Mrs. Powell are members of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta.

# New Salem Breaks Ground

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at New Salem Church (just south of Caledonia and north of Columbus,) on September 8, after the morning worship service.

The Notre Dame football team had just finished playing a southern Protestant college team. One of the southern players strode up to the referee and asserted, "Sir, I want to make a protest about a particular Notre Dame player. Every time we line up for a play, he hauls off and bites me. I refuse to let him do that to me any more. What do you suggest I do?" The referee chuckled and replied, "I would advise that hereafter, you play him only on Fridays!" — GERRY BLUMENFELD, *Cracks in the Steeple* (World Publishing Co.).



## MUSIC SEMINAR IN SESSION

Reginald McDonough of Nashville is seen leading a seminar session during the first of two seminars held at the Baptist Building Aug. 27-30 and sponsored by the Church Music Department. Mr. McDonough is supervisor, Church Administrative Services, Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board.

## The Convention President Speaks

This is a repetition by request of my paragraph in our church bulletin.

Six years ago, I wrote a similar paragraph to what I am writing now. Again three years later, when I wrote these words, it was when my first two children went off to college. However, Sunday, August 25, was a different story. I travelled that twenty miles again with my only son and my last child. It was not by chance nor was it ironic that he and I travelled alone as his mother and sister went in another car. It was my privilege to have a heart to heart chat with him about college life his being on his own, the temptations that would come his way, and last, but most important, what he would do with his life. He and I talked about the fact that I have prayed for eighteen years that God would call him to preach. We also discussed that I did not want him to be a preacher unless the Lord called him. He assured me he would be a preacher if the Lord did call.

I knew well and good as we threw our arms around each other and assured each other of our love and said "goodbye," that that was the breaking point. Once again I insist as I have twice before, that it is not the miles that separate us that makes the difference. We can talk by phone without a toll charge. We can be with each other in a matter of a few minutes by car, but the big factor is the milestone which has come to pass in life. I know it will never be the same again. Yes, my youngest child is now a college man. It hurts but it feels good. I am happy to be his dad. I am glad he is maturing as a normal person. I rejoice that he is pursuing higher education.

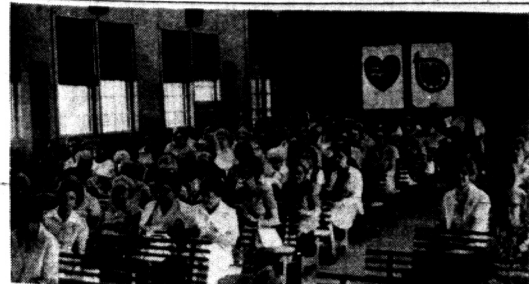
Now I have sat where many of you have sat. I have once again travelled the road you have trod, and I have stood where you have stood. I know how you feel. God bless you and God bless me. — David Grant.

## Revival Dates

Immanuel Church, Columbus: September 20-21-22; weekend youth-oriented revival; services at 7 Friday through Sunday evenings; 11 a.m. on Sunday; Buddy Mathis, Mississippi College junior, son of Rev. Byron Mathis who is pastor of Calvary, Pascagoula, evangelist; (known as "America's youngest face in evangelism," Buddy is a talented trumpeter); Rev. Jerry E. File, pastor; Sunday, September 22, "College Day" (all college students in area urged to attend) and dinner - on - the ground after the service; anyone desiring free bus transportation to these services may call 328-1688.

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Women attending conferences meet together in the auditorium to hear a missionary speaker or to learn of WMU emphases for the new year.



Photo at left shows Miss Valerie Sherard, missionary to Alaska, telling of her work in our northernmost state. In center photo, pictured in front of the "Love Thy Neighbor" emblem at Camp Garaywa are, from left: Miss Marjean Patterson, Mississippi WMU Executive Secretary; Miss Mickey Martin, Mission Friends and Girls in Action consultant for WMU, SBC,



Each day at Garaywa women helped to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program with cake and punch on the front lawn.



Birmingham; Miss Aline Fuselier, Baptist Women consultant for WMU, SBC, Birmingham, and Mrs. Robert Smira, Mississippi WMU President. Photo at right shows Miss Marilyn Hopkins, Mississippi WMU Acteens Director, at left, with Miss Betty Jo Lacy who serves as State Acteens Director for Arkansas WML.

## WMU Camp Introduces 'Love Thy Neighbor' And 'Time'

Approximately 1700 women who attended sessions of WMU Camp in August had opportunity to participate in a Big Birthday Celebration.

During 1974-1975, special emphasis will be given to the fiftieth anniversary of our Cooperative Program. To help show Mississippi WMU's appreciation of the Cooperative Program in giant-size birthday cake was displayed and each woman who came to Garaywa helped celebrate the occasion with cake and punch.

Special WMU emphases of "Love Thy Neighbor" and "TIME" were introduced during the day's conferences.

"Love Thy Neighbor," a family mission action emphasis, relates to the Southern Baptist Convention theme, "Share His Love Now" and to the Baptist World Alliance three-year endeavor called "World Mission of Reconciliation Through Christ." By ministering and witnessing to persons of special need or cir-

cumstance, church members demonstrate the reconciling love of Christ.

The second emphasis, TIME, represented "Training in Missions Education." This will be a two-year emphasis on leader and member training—helping persons do any and all facets of her job, or be a good organization member.

In addition to learning about the emphases for 1974-1975, women from all sections of our state learned what is expected of them as leaders and members of various WMU organizations. Conferences in all ages levels were offered to train new leaders and also to suggest new ideas and methods for experienced workers.

A highlight of the sessions at Camp Garaywa was hearing Valerie Sherard tell of her work with the Eskimos in Alaska. Miss Sherard, a native Mississippian, has been serving as a missionary in Alaska for 22 years.

## Names In The News



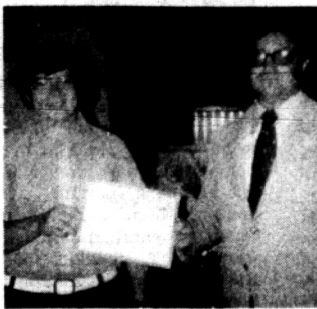
Evangelist Tommy Winders of Tupelo has been named as one of the Outstanding Young Men Of America in 1974. Mr. Winders and his wife, Diane, are engaged in their fourth year of full time evangelism and are headquartered in Tupelo. They are to be in India in December of this year for two city-wide crusades there. This is the second trip out of the States for the Winders as they travelled to Kingston, Jamaica, W.I. earlier this year.

Rev. Mel C. Craft, pastor of First Church, Tyertown, preached at the fifth Annual Bible Conference sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Arizona Baptist Convention, August 26 and 27. The conference was at Love Baptist Church in Phoenix. A former pastor of First Church, Chandler, Arizona, Mr. Craft served three years as Sunday School director for Arizona Baptists. Also, he recently was keynote speaker for the first English - speaking evangelism conference in Puerto Rico.

University Church, Hattiesburg, has called Cleamon Downs of the William Carey College faculty as its new minister of music. Downs will replace Claude Gossett, who resigned to accept a faculty position at Auburn University. A native of Pascagoula, he graduated from Carey and Southern Seminary. Gossett had been the church's minister of music for the past year and a half, and his wife, Sylvia, was the organist. They were honored with a reception on Aug. 25 by the adult choir.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. McGlamery, missionaries to Gaza, have returned to the States because of medical reasons (address: Ripley Medical Clinic, Ripley, Miss. 38663). He is a native of Supply, Okla.; she is the former Orlene Ellis of Ackerman, Miss.

A special service was held at Calvary Church on Sunday evening, August 25, as their present music and youth director, David McArthur, was licensed to the ministry of sacred music. Mr. McArthur formerly served the Church church, and received his Associate of Arts degree from Clarke College in 1974. He is now enrolled in Mobile College, Mobile, Alabama and will continue to serve the Calvary church on a part-time basis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolan R. McArthur of Moss Point and is married to the former Nancy Holmes of Pearl. At the service, Mr. McArthur gave his testimony and presented the youth choir in a portion of the musical "Alleluia" by John Peterson. Bobby Sanderson was soloist. Mr. McArthur sang "A Place Called Mount Calvary." The pastor, Rev. Robert J. Sanderson, delivered the sermon, which was entitled "The Committed Life." The prayer of dedication was offered by Joe B. Holmes, father of Mrs. McArthur, as the McArthurs knelt at the altar with the pastor.



Michael Davis has been licensed to preach the gospel, by New Sight Church, Brookhaven. The son of Curtis Davis of Route 2, Wesson, he attends Loyd Star High School. He is pictured with his pastor, Rev. E. L. Wright.

Mrs. Shirley Dillard has resigned as minister of music and youth at First Church, Tupelo, Rev. Bill Nimmons, pastor. She has served in that position for four years.

James Edward Weedy, formerly of Jackson, Ms., has been appointed professor of business administration at Campbellsville College in Campbellsville, Ky. The third faculty appointment in a program designed to build and strengthen the department of business and economics at Campbellsville, Mr. Weedy brings considerable business experience to his new post. He will be teaching from a background of work in the life insurance field and, most recently, presidency of his own company, Executive Services, Inc. of Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. Weedy attended Millsaps College, and then received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi, the M.S. in 1961.



Anita Snyder, summer staffer at Glorieta Conference Center, has been awarded the second annual T. L. Holcomb Scholarship. Miss Snyder, 19 - year - old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Snyder of Denver, Colo., received the \$500 award for "being the summer staffer who contributed the most toward the accomplishment of the objectives and goals of the conference center," said Larry Haslam (left), Glorieta manager. A member of Westminster (Colo.) First Southern Baptist Church, Miss Snyder stated her reasons for becoming a staffer, "I liked spending the summer growing in Christ, getting to know other Christian kids and helping other people." She is a junior nursing major at Loretto Heights College in Denver.

Rev. R. W. Brasher, pastor of Thomastown Church, has retired, and has moved to his home in Pittsboro. The church at Thomastown reported substantial progress during his leadership. The recreational rooms were completed and central heat and air conditioning were installed in the educational annex, as well as other improvements. Mr. Brasher said that he hopes to "keep busy in the Lord's Vineyard," and he will be available for preaching appointments "as the Lord leads."

Rev. Wayne Kimbrough was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Parkway Church, Jackson on Sunday night, August 25. Dr. Bill Causey is pastor of Parkway. The ordination service was requested by First Church, Pontotoc, where Mr. Kimbrough serves as associate pastor and minister of youth. Dr. W. Levon Moore is pastor of the Pontotoc church.

On August 18, Mike Thrower, center, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Airport Church, Grenada. Here he is congratulated by his father, T. C. Thrower of Columbus, on his right and by the pastor, Rev. John Marshall, on his left.



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## EDITORIAL

### Are We On The Winning Side?

A friend in the publishing field has suggested the possible need for a new book with the thesis, or title, "We have won!" The idea is based upon the concept that there is clear evidence that conservatism is the victor in the present liberal-conservative conflict. I hope someone will make a serious study and write such a book.

I question whether we can say that the conservatives have won. I do believe, however, that they are winning. That is why so many among Southern Baptists are so concerned that the convention never be moved from its long held conservative stance! To leave that is to flirt with dissolution and decline. Simply look at the situation today, and see how true it is that the conservatives who are winning.

One of the most important religious books of 1972 was the volume "Why Conservative Churches are Growing." Written by Dr. Dean M. Kelly, a member of the staff of the liberally oriented National Council of Churches, it shows how that during the "sixties" most major church groups, for the first time in American history, stopped growing and began to shrink. The author lists among the groups showing decline Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans and the United Church of Christ. American Baptists also were in the column listing losses.

These denominations are declining in membership, in Sunday school enrollment, in income advance, and in mission programs. At the same time most conservative groups are showing remarkable growth.

The author of the book includes Southern Baptists among the conservatives along with the Assemblies of God, Churches of God, Pentecostals and others. Speaking concerning these, Dr. Kelley says, "These groups not only give evidence that religion is not obsolete and churches not defunct, but they contradict the contemporary notion of an acceptable religion. They are not 'reasonable,' they are not 'tolerant,' they are not 'ecumenical,' and they are not 'relevant.' Quite the contrary."

The book tells of the tragic decline of foreign mission work in these main line denominations. From 1958 to 1971, the total number of foreign missionaries of six of the major groups, declined from 4548 to 3160. During the same period Southern Baptists increased their overseas force from 1186 to 2494.

Similar losses have come in the financial area, especially denominational support. Denominations with a liberal leadership are losing the support of their constituency. For example, one of the major denominations in America saw its income fall 22% below its budget in 1972, so that it had to reach

into reserve funds to even carry on its work.

Seminaries of the liberals are having similar problems. A report published in June 1974, revealed that most liberal seminaries are having serious financial problems. An example is Union Seminary in New York which presently is in turmoil over its president, and which has been operating deeply in the red for several years, and suffering serious drop in number of students. At the same time conservative and fundamentalist seminaries are experiencing growth.

The ecumenical organizations have the same problems. Both the National Council of Churches and the World Council are having financial problems and report cuts both in program and staff.

Meanwhile, the most amazing growth in the Christian world today is in the fundamentalist and strongly conservative churches. Independent churches are having phenomenal growth, as are many strongly conservative Southern Baptist churches. All of these have a Bible believing, Bible centered ministry.

Also growing right now are the charismatic groups, including the Assemblies of God, Pentecostal groups and others like them. Still another group showing remarkable advance are the conservative organizations outside the churches such as Campus Crusade for Christ.

Religious journals are feeling this same thrust. The conservative ones generally are growing, while the liberally oriented ones often are in trouble. Moody Monthly, which is positively conservative, reports well over 200,000 circulation, while Christian Century, published in the same city, and avowedly ecumenical and liberal, is struggling to maintain its circulation of about 40,000. Christianity Today, a conservative publication, also is in a very healthy condition. Conservative publishers likewise report amazing growth.

What does all of this say to us? Does it not clearly indicate that the conservative position is the winning one? Bible believing, Bible preaching groups, which do not hesitate to avow their conservative stance, are the ones which continue to grow. To espouse liberalism seems to be a sure move into the pattern of decline. It has happened in Europe, and it has happened in America.

Southern Baptists are conservative, and are so classified by the world. The vast majority of Southern Baptists, both pastors and lay people, are unashamedly and openly conservative. It is the believing of the Bible as the Word of God that makes men Baptists. Liberals simply are not comfortable or at home in this fellowship.

When measured by the standards of liberalism, the whole Southern Baptist program, including her publishing house and her seminaries, must be placed in the conservative, right of center, theological position.

While most Southern Baptists, both pastors and laymen, are conservative, it must be acknowledged that there are some in our midst, and even in some of our institutions, who probably would refuse to classify themselves as conservatives. Nevertheless, every professor in a Southern Baptist seminary has signed a statement of faith, declaring his belief in the fundamental doctrines of the scriptures as held by Baptists. If a professor does not live up to that avowed position, then he is responsible both to God and the denomination.

The small minority in our midst, who espouse a more liberal position than is the general tenor of the convention constituency, probably would like to move the convention away from its right of center position, and more to the left. Their effectiveness in doing so has been very limited. Moreover, it is because of them, and because of what some of them may say or write, that conservative voices sound out regularly, calling for the convention to maintain its conservative position, and to root out any efforts to move it to the left.

The convention, as a conservative body, is on the winning side in the present advance of conservative Christianity. Southern Baptists continue to experience growth, both in membership and in financial advance. They continue to maintain and even enlarge their world mission program, while most other major denominations are retracting theirs. They are continuing to give a positive, unequivocal witness for Christ. They maintain a theological position which the world calls conservative.

What would happen to Southern Baptists if they abandoned this position? Suppose their churches turn from their Bible believing, Bible preaching emphasis? Suppose they allow their literature to become less conservative, or their seminaries to be infiltrated by liberalism until their character is completely changed? The result is certain. The convention quickly would lose its strength. Churches by the thousands would pull away from the fellowship. The vast evangelistic thrust would lose its power. Mission work quickly would dry up. In other words, the convention would go in the same direction, that other groups have gone when they allowed liberal forces to gain control.

Southern Baptists have refused to do that.

Right now they are on the winning side!

It is imperative that they stay in that position!

School in Lake Forest, Illinois — a school for children who are multiply handicapped, brain - damaged, autistic, hyperactive, or mongoloid. It is a story of exceptional commitment to the most helpless and hopeless of humans. The school has become a haven for many children no public institution would attempt to help. Not only has Mrs. Matson helped to establish the school, but she has also helped to sharpen the demand for new laws and provisions for the state of Illinois, in the education of handicapped children. She has observed special education programs all over the United States and has made seven trips to Europe to study innovations there.

**CHRISTIAN, BE A REAL PERSON** by Carl W. Franke (Thomas Nelson, paper, \$2.95, 176 pp.) This book is about a matter of urgent concern to everyone — how to become the type of person we want to be and that the Creator intends we be. In a simple and clearcut way, the author illumines the meaning of being "a Real Person in the finest sense and how we can become that person." Mr. Franke is a Methodist minister in Rockford, Ill.

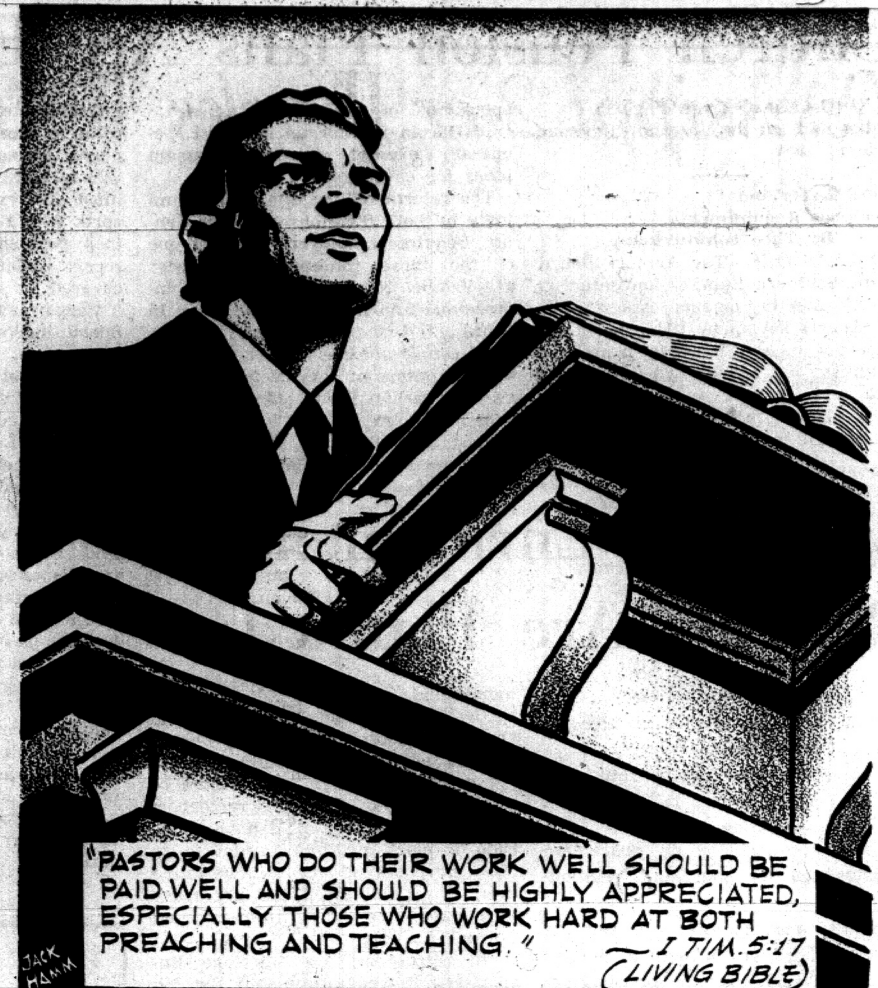
**DOCTOR, I'M A WOMAN!** by Robert C. Patterson, Jr., M. D. (Thomas Nelson, paper, 160 pp.) This excellent new book contains "what every woman needs to know and doesn't about her physical health." It offers guidelines for good physical and mental attitudes for all women. The author, a gynecologist with 25 years of listening to women, has sound advice to give, and he writes with candor — and a twist of humor.

**JESUS AND CHRISTIAN ORIGINS OUTSIDE THE NEW TESTAMENT** by F. F. Bruce (Eerdmans, paper, 215 pp., \$3.45) One of today's outstanding theologians and Bible scholars discusses the evidences concerning Christ which are found in writings outside the New Testament. He examines the works of pagan writers, Josephus, rabbinical traditions, Apocryphal Gospels, the Gospel of Thomas, and others. Here is a splendid answer to those who seek to say that the message of Christ is not found in secular history.

**HOW SILENTLY, HOW SILENTLY** by Joseph Bayly (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.25) Stories by a master story teller, which have a spiritual message. Joe Bayly, has humor, drama and unusual approach, which will fascinate, but also will speak to you.

covering the period 1875 to 1900, the second 1900 to 1935, and the third 1935 to 1973. In the first period the attack on the Bible began to creep across America, and Bible believing conservatives took a strong stand in the defense of the Word. However, the great battles had not really begun, for those come in the second period. Liberalism raised its head with such leaders as Harry Emerson Fosdick, found its way into the denominations. The book shows one of the greatest battles to have taken place in the Northern Baptist Convention (now American). However, Baptist groups across the nation were affected, Southern Baptists included. "Prima donnas" of fundamentalism, as listed by this author, were T. T. Shields (of Canada), W. B. Riley, J. Frank Norris, and John Roach Straton. All of these were Baptists, although only one of them was in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Chapter eight on the "Big Baptist Battle" tells the story of the crisis which came in the Northern Baptist Convention, a crisis which finally led to division in that convention. The author refers briefly to similar problems in more recent years in the Southern Baptist Convention. In the third section the author discusses the fundamentalist liberal conflict of the past forty years, showing the erosion of empires of the past and the development of what the author calls a new enemy within, new evangelism. He discusses the fellowships of fundamentalists in various denominational groups and outside the denominations, and shows the active ministry of fundamentalists in this day through radio, television, Bible conferences, etc. The last chapter discusses the situation of fundamentalism in 1973, showing movements and programs which it effected. Identification is given to fundamentalist groups today. The author provides a biographical index of the names and brief sketches concerning hundreds of individuals who have had a part in the fundamentalists' liberal conflict. There also is a splendid glossary which interprets the terms the selective bibliography of splendid books on the subject. Some unpublished materials also are listed. The volume is well indexed so that it will be a very valuable historical record and reference book on the whole fundamentalist issue.

**A SCHOOL FOR PETER** by Virginia F. Matson (Creation House, \$5.95, 300 pp.) This is the story of the early years of Grove



### God's Appraisal

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Enjoys Listening To Baptist Hour

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have been listening to "The Baptist Hour" for some months over FM station in Greenwood at 8:30 a.m. I find that many of my fellow church members and friends do not know the schedule of broadcasts and would like to know. I believe it would help if from time to time you would list the stations and hours of broadcast in the Baptist Record.

I have really enjoyed the great messages the past year and am looking forward to having Dr. Hobbs as he begins his new series of sermons next week.

T. D. Pittman  
Indianola, MS

NOTE: The schedule of broadcasts which Mr. Pittman requests is printed in this week's issue of the Record.

##### On The MORAL SCENE...

**CHILD ALCOHOLICS**—"The new problem drinkers are 11 and 12 years old, grade schoolers, some as young as 9. Dr. Morris Chafetz, director of the National Institute on Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse, reports that there are an estimated 450,000 child and teenage alcoholics in the nation. (Almost as many as the total number of drug addicts, estimated at 500,000.) Arrests of youth for alcohol-related offenses have risen 700% in four years. . . . Alcoholics Anonymous now aims several programs at school-age children. Parents are often relieved that their children are not using so-called 'other drugs' but are 'only' drinking alcohol. But Dr. Chafetz comments, 'Since no other drug comes close in any measurement to the human and social destruction of alcohol problems, these parents are being relaxed into a situation that is like jumping from the frying pan into the fire.'" — Between the Lines, June 1, 1974

**WELFARE BOOM**—"The number of people in the United States has risen rapidly—7% of the entire population in 1972. But the phenomenon is by no means unique, write Martin Rein and Hugh Heclo. . . . The Swedish welfare rate rose to 6.3% in 1971, the highest in 20 years, and the British rate more than doubled from less than 4% in 1950 to 8.4% in 1972. These countries, however, show different attitudes toward the welfare 'boom.' Rein and Heclo say that only Americans see the rise in welfare cases as a sign of national malaise and social decay. Although the British find fault with their welfare programs, what worries them is underuse, not overuse: people entitled to benefits failing, through ignorance or bureaucratic bungling, to claim them." — Intellectual Digest, June, 1974.

**WORKING WIVES AND PROSPERITY**—"Three out of five married women are employed outside the home. Therefore our standard of living is not due to high wages; wages are low and getting lower in comparison to the living costs. The free spending visible in the great shopping centers arises therefore out of the employment of both parents outside the home. . . . The top 20% of our population received 43.3% of all income in 1947 and got 41.4% in '72, almost no change in 25 years. The poorest 20% got only 5.1% of all income in '47 and 5.4% in '72. Thus, despite the great increase of wealth and production in this quarter century, the division of wealth and income has changed little. Meanwhile the number of working wives has almost tripled. This means that prosperity is confined roughly to the upper 40% to 50% of our society." — Between the Lines, April 1, 1974.

**CUT-THROAT OR CLEAN FUN?**—"Whoever said 'winning isn't everything' just wasn't looking at competition from the American point of view. Whether it's 'Wide World of Sports' or Little League, Americans love a winner — so much so, in fact, that sociologists are beginning to worry that we may be losing sight of some old values, such as fair play and teamwork." — Human Behavior, August 1974.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

##### Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilda Fancher

Women's lib — I've got it, a good case of it. Not that I even crusaded for it or desired it; I'm not even sure I believe in it! But I find myself a victim of it. I have the freedom to do most anything I want to do that I can do. And some things that the typical women's libber considers highly desirable have happened to me — even though all I have ever aimed to be was a genuinely top-notch housewife, or homemaker, whichever you prefer.

But, listen. The phone rang. "Mama, you know what I want?" It was Frank, who just the day before had moved onto campus at M.C. to begin his sophomore year.

I swallowed hard, thinking of the sizes of the checks he and Robert, the senior at M.C., would be writing when they registered in a day or two, and tried to sound cheerful. "What?"

"Something good to eat."

Relief. "So, head for the cafeteria."

"No'm. I want you to cook me something good."

"Are hamburgers good enough? That's all I have thawed out."

"That'll be fine. And I'm bringing Kimi."

Into the kitchen I went, rolling out patties, warming buns, making homemade french fries (you remember, the kind you begin by washing and peeling). Brewing tea, slicing tomatoes, setting the table. I didn't try to clean up too much, though, for Kimi. She'd seen the house in worse shape many times.

They came, greeted the wiggly, ecstatic poodle Dusty, washed their hands, and we dined in the breakfast room. I listened to talk about the campus and new friends and activities; I examined schedules and heard impressions. We laughed, we were serious, we ate, we visited. Then they were off. And there I was, a totally liberated woman, in the middle of a messy kitchen.

Now, would you believe that singing a contract for a book, or having a column win a National Press award, or speaking at a big meeting, that none of these held a candle to cooking hamburgers and fries and sharing them with that college sophomore (and his kid brother who straggled in) and his girl friend? That was what I call living.

I even felt fulfilled when I cleaned up the mess, greasy stove and all. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

Joy in God on other days is like the birds chirping in winter, which is pleasing; but joy on the Lord's day is like their warbling times and pretty notes in spring. — lay in Paul's day: Nature Religion and Myster Religion. Spurgeon

If money is filthy, the one who handled it made it so.

Honesty pays, but it doesn't seem to pay enough to suit some people.

To buy and never pay may not be stealing, but it has the same effect on the owner.

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# Mississippi 2-er Works With Missionary In 40,000 Square Mile Area Of Nevada

By Toby Druin

Carlin, Nev. — Glenn Shows marked the first year of his two-year stint as a Home Mission Board US-2 missionary on Sept. 1 with a simple statement: "I love it."

Shows is assigned to northern Nevada to work with LaVern Inzer, HMB missionary who serves that 40,000 square mile area.

"My parents were here a few days ago from Mississippi," the big, blond 25-year-old said, "and my mother asked me how I was doing. That was easy. I wouldn't trade the last year or my experiences here for a million dollars."

A native of Hazelhurst, Miss., Shows is a graduate of Clarke College and Louisiana College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Shows of Brookhaven. He previously served churches in Mississippi and Louisiana as music and youth director.

In 1973, after graduating from Louisiana College, he volunteered for appointment as a US-2 missionary, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's program where college graduates under 26 devote two years to mission service.

The first half of Shows' two-year stint has been busy to say the least. For most of the year he has directed nine choirs in a string of churches on Inzer's circuit.

He also worked in seven Vacation Bible Schools during the summer, serves as associational music director and took 10 young people from the association to the Baptist Youth World Conference in Portland.

He is also getting his initial experience as a pastor. Wells Baptist Church at Wells, Nev., called him as pastor and now in addition to preparing for his choirs, he prepares a sermon each week for the Wells congregation. It's a rigorous schedule, but Shows says he loves it, and he feels God is leading him into full-time service as a home missionary.

He will complete his term as a US-2 missionary next summer and plans to go on to seminary for a master of religious education degree.

## LaVern Inzer

Fifteen years as a Southern Baptist home missionary in northern Nevada have made their mark on LaVern Inzer — a permanent squint to filter out the desert glare thinning hair and a nervous, fidgety air suggesting he always has something else to do and is eager to get on with it.

But he wears the mark like battle stars. In Inzer's words, he has a family heritage to "burn himself out" for the Lord and he's living up to that heritage, driving 1,000 miles a week — even joining an occasional cattle drive — to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with isolated pockets of people. He comes from a family of 21 children, 18 of them boys and 14 of them ministers.

Inzer works out of Carlin, where he serves as pastor of Carlin Baptist Mission. But his weekly treks around the 40,000-or-so-square miles of his area of northern Nevada carry him and his wife Elva to such colorful places as Wells, Battle Mountain, Bottle Creek, Reese — Antelope Valley, Paradise Valley and countless stops along the way. Most will never grace a map; few may ever be more than mission points.

## Paradise Valley

Once a Monday night stop, Paradise Valley is now visited every Tuesday afternoon by the Inzers and Glenn Shows. They gather school children at the tiny community's two-room school house as classes dismiss in the afternoon and take them to the church for "Sunday" school and choir practice.

## Inzer's Family Heritage

### Christ Was Slave's Only True Master

By Baptist Press

When Baptist Home Missionary La Vern Inzer "surrendered to preach" his family took him to the cemetery where his grandparents were buried and told him of their conversion to Christianity. The grandfather had been a Jew and was won to Jesus Christ by a slave.

"When my grandparents were married in 1846," relates the Southern Baptist from Carlin, Nev., "my grandfather went to New Orleans and bought a slave to take care of the house and do the chores."

"The slave was clean-cut and could speak English. When he was introduced to the old plantation in Arkansas, he was told what he had to do and he accepted the responsibility. But when he was told he had to call the man of the house 'Master,' he said he had only one master and His name was Jesus Christ."

"He almost got whipped that day by the slave driver, but he didn't. There was something about him that commanded more respect."

"In 1852, six years later, by the authority of a little church there, that slave baptized my grandparents."

"My parents told me that story and made three points—the Bible is a book of missions, I was the product of some missionary who had won that slave to Christ, and we can never repay that debt but we can pay back some interest. We are to preach Christ the rest of our lives."

"They said we are to go out and burn ourselves out for the Lord. And that's a family tradition and heritage as much as the family name."

"We knelt beside that slave's grave and my relations laid hands on me like it was an ordination service. It had an effect on me. I feel like missions is a way of life and I love it." (BP)

tice. Once a month Inzer preaches for worship services in the evening.

When Inzer first came to Paradise Valley he found an old, padlocked church building. It was leaning 18 inches and was so old it was about to lie down, he said.

"I came out here to see about having church," he says, "and asked Ernest Miller, the local bartender, if they had ever had church. 'Nope,' Ernest said, and he couldn't tell me who could let me use the building."

Inzer searched the courthouse records, found the deed to the church property and wrote down the trustees' names. He went back to Paradise Valley and asked the bartender where he could find the trustees so he could get their permission to use the building. Miller laughed and took him the local cemetery. Inzer had failed to note that the church property deed had been filed in 1874.

"That was a dead church," Inzer said.

## Mississippi Students

Inzer knocked the padlock off the door, cleaned out the dust and in 1972 a team of Baptist students from Mississippi helped restore the building and renovate it.

"We don't own it; us Baptists don't own it, but they call me pastor," Inzer says, "and we have the only worship service out here of any kind."

Paradise Valley is picturesque, surrounded on three sides by mountains. Inzer says there are two legends about how the community, now largely a ghost town, got its name. The first says that when the town name was filed it was supposed to have been "Pair-o-dice," but the clerk misunderstood and labeled it "Paradise."

The second story says that early settlers saw the valley as a place of beauty, a "literal paradise" in comparison with the desert they had come through and named it accordingly.

"Anyway, we are doing our best now to make it a heavenly place," Inzer says.

## On Circuit Since 1959

Inzer has been on one "circuit" or another in Nevada since 1959. A native of Arkansas, reared in Louisiana, he was appointed by the Home Mission Board in 1962.

"We went out as best we could," Inzer says of those early days. "The most stringent program I had was when we drove to Paradise Valley on Monday night, 40 miles from Winnemucca and then to Jungo on Tuesday. It was 35 miles to Jungo on dirt roads and you went horizontally 35 miles and vertically 70 more — jumping up and down."

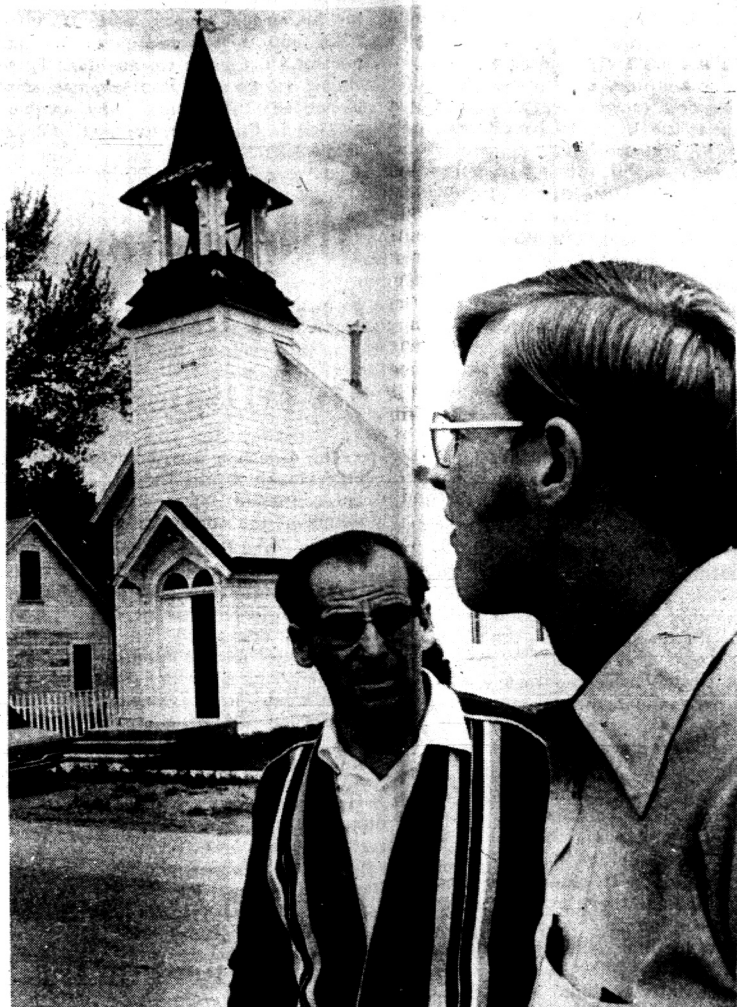
Jungo made an indelible impression on Inzer in more ways than one.

"The kinds there were the cussingest bunch I ever knew," he recalls. "I got to wishing once that I could rearrange their punctuation to make it sound like prayer."

"But somehow we got through to them. One Halloween night after we had come back to the church after trick-or-treating with them they said they wanted to sing me a song. Thinking about the way most of them cussed, I was afraid of what they might sing. But to the tune of Rachel, Rachel," they sang, "Rev. Inzer we've been thinking, what we think we'd hate to tell if it were not for your preaching, we'd all wind up in hell."

In that "most stringent" schedule, Inzer was back at Winnemucca for prayer meeting on Wednesday night and then 100 miles south to Lovelock on Thursday, and then back at Winnemucca for Sunday services.

Inzer is a cowboy by day during the spring and fall cattle drives, and in the evening preaches to the drovers, often as many as 150-200, many of them drifters with occasionally a fugitive or two among them. Preaching to them, Inzer says, is a unique experience. (BP)



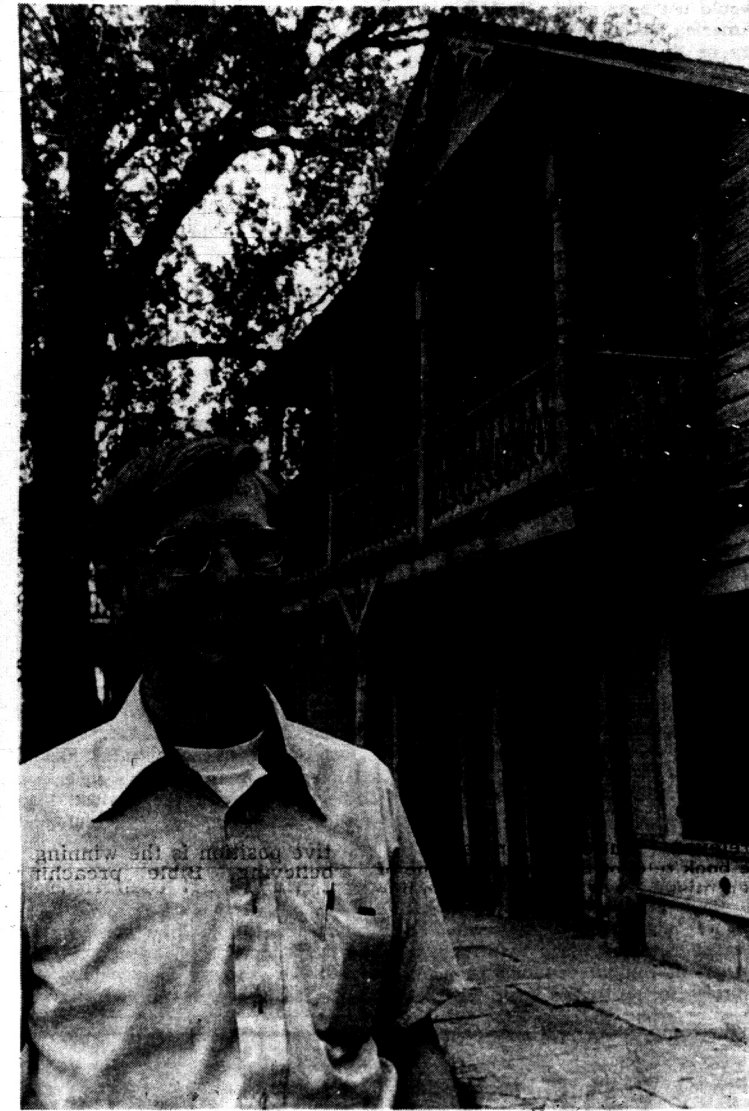
CHURCH RESTORED BY MISSIONARY BSU TEAM—Home Missionary LaVern Inzer, left, and Mississippi US-2er Glenn Shows stand in front of the churchhouse at Paradise Valley, Nev., where they hold Bible study each Tuesday afternoon and worship services once monthly. The building, erected around 1874, was renovated by a Mississippi Baptist Student Union team in 1972.



GLENN SHOWS, standing, Home Mission Board US-2 missionary from Brookhaven, Miss., leads the Paradise Valley Baptist Church youth choir in a rehearsal for worship services. Shows directs nine choirs in churches in a northern Nevada circuit and also serves as pastor of Wells Baptist Church at Wells, Nev. (Home Mission Board Photos by Toby Druin)



LAVERN INZER, Southern Baptist missionary to northern Nevada, squints to filter out the desert glare at Paradise Valley, one of his mission points. Snow-capped mountains ring the valley where Inzer and his wife come every Tuesday afternoon for "Sunday" school for the valley youngsters.—(HMB photo by Toby Druin)



MISSISSIPPI US-2 MISSIONARY GLENN SHOWS strolls down the deserted main street of Paradise Valley, Nev. The "downtown" part of Paradise Valley now is largely a ghost town, but the community remains a business center for area ranchers, and the town school is there to educate their children. Shows and home missionary LaVern Inzer, come to Paradise Valley each Tuesday to have "Sunday" school for the youngsters and once each month lead worship services.

## ISRAEL HAS SPENT OVER \$23 MILLION TO RESTORE JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY

JERUSALEM (RNS)—Mayor Teddy Kollek has disclosed that the Israeli government has spent \$23.8 million on restoration of the pre-1948 Jewish quarter in Jerusalem's Arab Old City.

He told the press here, August 29, that the government planned to spend nearly \$12 million more on the project in the next two years.

Meanwhile, in an interview published Aug. 29, in Beirut, Lebanon, King Hussein of Jordan renewed the Arab demand for the return of the Old City.

Jordan captured the Old City in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Israel regained it in the 1967 war. "The return of Arab sovereignty to eastern Jerusalem," King Hussein was quoted as saying in the interview, "remains our ultimate, unshakable objective."

## Carmona, Angola Opens Up To Baptist Work

CARMONA, Angola (BP)—More than 5,000 persons have organized to become the First Baptist Church of Carmona in an area previously closed to Baptist work. The 5,000 charter members are currently broken down into 74 groups of believers in the Carmona area.

The Carmona area was opened to Baptist work for the first time in 13 years after the military coup in Portugal in April. Angola is a colony of Portugal. Since March 15, 1961, when an independent Baptist mission was closed, any gathering of 20 or more had been prohibited in the Carmona area.

The church, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Harrison H. Pike, is largely the work of two ministers, Benedito Junior and Jose Martins, who for the past three years served with the First Baptist Church of Luanda in an outlying area about 250 miles northeast of Luanda.

## Rev. H. D. Booth, Former Mississippian, Dies In Florida

Rev. H. D. Booth, former Mississippian, died suddenly at his home in Tampa, Florida, on Sunday, September 1.

He was pastor of a church in the Tampa, Florida, area, and had just preached to his people in the morning service on "The Lordship of Christ." After the service he returned to his residence, and dropped dead before the noon meal was ready.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Haw River, North Carolina, and burial was there. He is survived by his wife, Louise, one daughter, Beth, and two sons, Mark and Steve.

He was a native of Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, graduated from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, and pastored several churches in Mississippi. His last pastorate in the state was Oakland Heights Church in Meridian. He also served as moderator of the Lauderdale Association.

## Revival Dates

Hillcrest, Laurel: Sept. 15-21; Rev. Don Savell, Pascagoula, evangelist; Bobby Ray, Laurel, singer; services 7:30 p.m.; Sunday (15) is Old-Fashioned Day; Rev. William McWilliams, pastor.

## A letter from home

### No record

I was at a wedding the other day, and although I was seated several pews from the altar, eight words in the ceremony jumped right into my lap.

Here were the eight magic words: "Love does not keep a record of wrongs." They are found in the TEV version of I Corinthians 13:5.

I thought how we keep a record of nearly everything else — social security records, tax records, school records, business records, health records. You name it, and somewhere a computer is silently compiling all those vital statistics about you and me.

Then I thought of all the numbers assigned to us, to aid in record-keeping.

There's your telephone number and your social security number. And your car license number as well as your driver's license. And yes, let's remember to include your house number and zip code and all those credit card numbers.

But here's one record not to keep, one that you need not assign a number to. And that's a record of the times that other people wrong you.

Now spite will keep a record. Yes sir, spite remembers every little slight and hurt. Spite never forgets, and never forgives. The only trouble is, there's no cement in spite to hold a marriage or a friendship together.

Do you want to know the secret of the stick-to-itiveness of love? And why love has such tremendous power to cement? Then remember the eight magic words: "Love does not keep a record of wrongs."

Bob Hastings

R.J. Hastings is editor of The Illinois Baptist in Springfield



## Fourth In A Series Of Five Articles

# The Question Of Amnesty

By Bob Adams, Associate Prof.,  
Christian Social Ethics,  
N. O. Seminary

"I believe in America. I believe that our process of government can respond to people's needs if each will assume his own responsibility. . . I will continue to serve within the limits of my personal conscience until I feel there is no longer any hope." These words were written by Cpl. Thomas W. Bennett from Vietnam shortly before his death. He received the Medal of Honor for heroic action in ministering to wounded comrades in the face of overwhelming fire. Cpl. Bennett was a member of the medical corps, a brave man, a sincere Christian, and a conscientious objector. He did not believe in war. He would not bear arms. He believed in America and assumed his responsibility as he saw it.

There are other young Americans who are as sincere in their Christian beliefs as Cpl. Bennett, and who also love their country. However, their consciences would not allow them to serve in the particular military conflict in Vietnam. Had they been youths during World Wars I or II, they might well have served, either as noncombatants or perhaps as armyservants. They are not against all wars, but might be against any particular war. These men are selective conscientious objectors. There are others, many of them, who are also selective conscientious objectors but are not so because of Christian convictions. Other ideas nourished and molded their consciences so that they share this particular conviction.

The existing laws governing the military draft up to the end of the Vietnam conflict took into consideration only the case of conscientious objectors. Those laws allowed certain choices to be made by those who opposed all wars, who were conscientious objectors such as Cpl. Bennett. He and others like him had the choice, when drafted, either to serve in non-combatant military posts or to be assigned to civilian work contributing to the national health, safety, or interest for two years.

Selective conscientious objectors had no such choices. The law governing their cases stated that in the case of being drafted, they would have no recourse other than either serving in combat capacity or going to prison for up to five years. Neither

the noncombatant nor civilian options were open to them. Faced with such alternatives, many fled the country. Some left before receiving draft notices, and thus were subject to no penalties. Others fled after receiving their notices, and thus faced trial as criminals. They still face this possibility, if and when they return, unless their country, through its leaders, grants them amnesty. Amnesty would pardon them from the consequences of their law violation.

The question of amnesty of these particular cases is not easy to resolve. What does our Christian faith say about it? Does the Bible contain any affirmations that show us the way? Are there any situations that God's people faced, recorded in Scriptures, that have illumination and guidance for us today?

The best procedure seems to be to search out broad principles, directions in which God leads his people, that can serve as basic guidelines. There may be specific examples of individuals who, under the leadership of God's spirit, followed those principles. It must be kept in mind that we are looking for help in two distinct but related directions. First, there is the case of the person who follows his conscience even though it should go against prevailing norms, either to uphold them as they are or to modify them.

The prophet Amos received the word of the Lord, and had to bring its message to God's people. He was forbidden by the authorities to continue his message. Yet the Lord's voice in the very fibers of his being would not let him be silent nor leave to prophesy elsewhere. His conscience, informed and inspired as he understood it, had to be obeyed.

Peter and John were brought before the magistrates and warned that they must cease their present activities. Their answer must at least have made the authorities think twice: either the apostles would continue to obey what they were convinced was God's leadership or they could abandon God in order to obey human mandates. Their choice was obvious: they would go God's way (Acts 4:1-31).

A little later, the apostles had a similar encounter with the governing authorities. The charge against them was serious, the penalty painful, and the process tainted with unworthy motives. The apostles' answer was clear: "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Jesus was faced with a question that had tremendous implications: how far did Caesar's power legitimately extend? The Master gave an answer

that has troubled his followers ever since, an answer that is a guide and at the same time a troubler of conscience: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). Caesar and God are not identified, as some might think: Caesar's (government's) voice is not automatically to be considered God's voice. Yet the whole point of Jesus' answer, the thrust of it, was that the question was one that each individual follower would have to answer in each individual case. No person would be the conscience for another. Jesus' answer has always made people terribly uncomfortable. Why could he not have just given a direct answer, and settled the problem once for all? He knew that problems of conscience can only be answered from within a person if that person is to remain true to God's purpose for him.

In the light of the inviolability of a person's conscience, what can be said today? Although no person or group can answer for the conscience of another, families and churches have a crucial influence in the formation of conscience. Christians, in both family and church settings, teach and practice the responsibility of the person before God first of all. Those who have accepted the awesome task of helping to train and form the consciences of children and young people have a continuing responsibility. That group includes pastors, Sunday School teachers, Christian mothers and fathers, and other church leaders. All have unceasingly taught that a person's first responsibility, in good conscience is to God. All other duties, important though they be, are secondary. The continuing responsibility is to stand by that young person when he seeks to obey the voice of God. Responsibilities extend in other directions also — government, profession, family, for example — but first to God.

If the preceding paragraph is taken seriously, then the right of the individual conscience must be defended. Baptists, who believe in the priesthood of the believer and in liberty of conscience, should be in the forefront of this defense. There is also the obligation to respect others whose opinions, led by their consciences, differ. They must be protected and defended also.

It is usually said in this setting that if a person's conscience makes him take a stand that brings punishment, he should accept the punishment and not seek to evade it. This is certainly true, else conscience itself become coward. Yet, another troubling question must be asked: What if those

who are called upon to impose the punishment are also the ones who helped form the consciences of those facing punishment for having followed their consciences? Can punishment legitimately be imposed? And, what if those who are called upon to impose punishment were not sure of the rightness of the cause which called forth the punishing situation? Where is Caesar and where is God, in such a situation?

This is not a direct plea for amnesty, unless it is first a plea to God for his grace, mercy, and forgiveness, and then a recognition on the part of all, that as we are done by so should we do. Did Paul express what is needed: "Forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32)?

## Missionaries On Furlough In Mississippi

The following missionaries are now on furlough in Mississippi. They may be contacted for speaking engagements at the addresses given.

Wayne and Florence Frederick, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson, from Guadeloupe; John and Jean Jacobs, Clarke College, Newton, Ms., from Guyana; Lewis and Toni Myers, Box 135, Boyle, from Vietnam; Don and Jo Redmon, Easy St., Yazoo City, from Costa Rica; Charles and Laverne Tope, 303 W. Madison St., Clinton, from Kenya; Harry and Frances Raley, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, from Taiwan. (Betty Hart of Casilla 197, Antofagasta, Chile, will be arriving in December.)

## Alabama Ups Budget \$1.2 Million For 1975

MOBILE, Ala. (BP) — The Alabama Baptist State Executive Board has adopted a record 1975 budget goal of \$11.4 million.

The budget calls for a \$7.8 million Cooperative Program budget — an increase of \$1.2 million over the 1974 goal — and features an additional \$700,000 Challenge Goal for Mission Advance.

The challenge goal is the first to be projected for Alabama Baptists in response to Southern Baptist Convention suggestions for increased missions emphasis beginning with the 50th anniversary Cooperative Program celebration in 1975.

## Baptist Radio-TV Programs In Mississippi

(Please clip and file for future reference)

### THE ANSWER

Jackson — 1901

### HUMAN DIMENSION

Columbus — WCBI — CH 04 — SU — 1130 AM  
Jackson — 1901 — SU  
Meridian — WTOK — CH 11 — SU — 1030 AM

### JOT

Jackson — 1901

### THE BAPTIST HOUR

Booneville — WBIP — 1400 — K — SU — 0130 PM  
Brookhaven — WCHJ — 1470 — K — SU — 0130 PM  
Canton — WMGO — 1370 — K — SU — 0700 AM  
Columbia — WCJU — 1450 — K — SU — 0900 AM  
Columbus — WACR — 1050 — K — SU — 0130 AM  
Greenville — WJPR — 1330 K — SU — 0800 AM  
Greenwood — WSWG 099.1 M — SU — 0830 AM  
Grenada — WNAG — 1400 — K-SU — 0500 PM  
Hattiesburg — WFOR — 1400 — K — SU — 0930 PM  
Laurel — WNSL — 1280 — K — SU — 0630 AM  
McComb — WAPF — 0980 — K — SU — 1230 PM  
New Albany — WNAU — 1470 — K — SU — 0945 AM  
Pascagoula — WCIS — 104.9 — M — Vicksburg — WQMV — 098.7 — M — SU — 200 PM  
Wiggins — WIGG — 1420 — K — SU — 1000 AM

### COUNTRY CROSSROADS

Batesville — WBLE — 1290 — K — Bilozi — WVMI — 0570 — K — SU — 1030 AM  
Clarksdale — WROX — 1480 — K — MO — 0530 AM  
Columbus — WJWF — 103.1 — M — SU — 0930 AM  
Corinth — WCMA — 1230 — K — MO — 0630 PM  
Ellisville — WBSJ — 102.3 — M — SA — 0500 PM  
Greenville — WDMS — 100.7 — M — MO 0900 PM  
Hattiesburg — WBKH — 0950 — K — SU — 0100 PM  
Houston — WCPC — 0940 — K — SA — 0700 AM  
Houston — WCPC — 093.3 — M — SA — 0700 AM  
Iuka — WVOM — 1270 — K — SA — 0230 AM  
Jackson — WJQS — 1400 — K — SU — 0630 PM



## The Stewarts Receive A New Caprice

In honor of their 10th anniversary as pastor of First Church, Eupora, Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Stewart were presented the keys to a 1974 Chevrolet Caprice. Making the presentation was Hugh Elkins, left, Sunday School Director, on behalf of the church family. This presentation was made in conjunction with the activities celebrating "old-fashioned day," which was held at the close of the centennial week celebrating the 100th birthday of Webster County.

## "Church Of The Exceptional" Is "Church Of The Year"

Guideposts Magazine has named a special kind of church in Macon, Georgia as "Church of the Year," Baptist Press (U.S.) reports. The church has been featured also on TV's NBC Today Show.

The Church of the Exceptional is an interdenominational Christian congregation for the handicapped and mentally retarded in the Macon area.

Founded three years ago by Cliff Wallace, then a department manager for J. C. Penney stores, the church has an average attendance of 45.

Mr. Wallace, a Methodist, was influenced to begin the project after seeing the reactions of a group of mentally retarded children in a revival service.

Licensed to preach by the United Methodist Church, he has continued to serve as pastor of the Church of the Exceptional. Financial support comes from churches and charities of the area.

From the beginning Mr. Wallace has been assisted by students from Mercer University, a Baptist institution in Macon. Tim Estes of Deland, Florida, now a senior at Mercer, is associate pastor and choir director.

Sunday morning activities, with ages of those in attendance ranging from 6 to 55, usually last from 9:30 to 12:30. There are three services, including 10 minute sermons and Sunday school classes. Informality is emphasized with general participation and much repetition.

The church sponsors a "Saturday play" program for exceptional children, sends 17 exceptional underprivileged children to Cross Roads summer camp, furnishes literature and guidance to groups desiring to establish exceptional ministries.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York City, noted pastor and author, came to Macon to make the Guideposts award to the Church of the Exceptional. Georgia governor and Mrs. Jimmy Carter, active Baptists, attended the service. (EBPS)

# WORLD MISSION RALLY

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Home Mission Board



Mrs. Lewis Myers, Jr.  
Vietnam



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Vietnam

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program is a one day affair, beginning at 9:00 a.m., with lunch at 12:00 noon, and ending at 4:00 p.m. Cost of registration and lunch is \$2.50.



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## Devotional

## From Trouble To Victory

Romans 8:28

By Odessa W. Fickett, pastor, First, Natchez

So often when trouble comes to us we are prone to say "Why has this happened to me?" "What did I ever do to deserve this?" We tend to think that God is singling us out for punishment or that He does not love us as much as someone else. Nothing could be further from the truth. Trouble is the result of living in an imperfect world. It is a part of every life. No one is immune. Trouble comes to the rich and poor, the well-known and the obscure, the Christian and the unbeliever.

No where in all the Bible does God promise His children exemption from trouble, but He does promise us victory in it. No matter what our trouble, God is able to help us through to victory.

A young man learned that he had to have very serious surgery, and the outcome was uncertain. There was a possibility that he might not live following surgery. A friend went to the hospital to visit him on the day of the surgery. He entered the room and simply said, "I'm sorry about your trouble." The patient responded by saying something that took the visitor by surprise. "This is not my problem; this is God's problem, for I have given my life completely to Him. God will have to handle this His way and decide what is best."

What a dynamic faith the young man revealed in his trouble. He had learned the truth of Romans 8:28 which says, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." This doesn't mean that all things that happen to us are good, indeed they are not. But it does mean that God can bring good, even out of a difficult and trying situation.

Many of life's greatest lessons are learned while in the valley of the shadow, for it is then that we learn to totally depend on God.

No matter what your trouble, God is able to help you through it to victory. Take hold of that truth and you can live life with confidence.



MISSIONARIES TAUGHT HER HOW—Over 150 loaves a day plus dozens of doughnuts, rolls and cookies are baked by the staff of Wamae's Bakery in Limuru, Kenya. In addition to feeding the bakery's customers, bakery owner Mrs. Irene Wamae feeds a family of six and runs a household. She perfected her baking skills while working in the kitchen of the Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly, Limuru, Kenya.

## Kenya Woman Owns Bakery; Protege Of Missionaries

LIMURU, Kenya — Some women work at staying out of the kitchen, but Irene Wamae works in a kitchen all day and loves it.

One would think a husband and four young children would be enough to keep her busy, but for Mrs. Wamae feeding a family was only the beginning. Her desire to learn as much about cooking as she could led her to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas L. Bateman, Southern Baptist missionaries directing Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly here. She told the Batemans that she wanted to work in the assembly kitchen, without salary, so she could learn to cook.

"It wasn't simply a question of liking to cook, I wanted to learn as much as I could about it, and I couldn't do that at home," says Mrs. Wamae.

Before long, according to Mrs. Bateman, the new volunteer was baking all of the breads, pastries and cakes and teaching the other workers to bake.

"Irene would come home with me an average of three times a week to bake something she had not done before," Mrs. Bateman said. "My family and friends delighted in this as we always had something good to eat at our house."

When the bakery that missionary Carl R. Hall had helped start was advertised for sale, Mrs. Wamae wanted

it. She met Hall and the transfer began. Owning her own bakery was a lifelong dream come true for Mrs. Wamae.

From three-tiered wedding cakes to homemade bread to hundreds of doughnuts and cookies, baked goods from Wamae's Bakery go to hotels, restaurants and various stores all over town.

Everything is made by hand. The only gadget she has in her kitchen is an ordinary-size cake mixer, yet she turns out over 150 loaves a day, at least 50 dozen doughnuts and hundreds of rolls, cakes, pastries and cookies.

She and her staff of 11 work on eight-hour shifts, but Mrs. Wamae seems to be there whatever time one comes into the bakery.

The first question people usually ask is when does she find time to feed her family. Mrs. Wamae gets up at five in the morning to cook breakfast. While the family is eating, she prepares lunch, which she takes to the bakery to cook. At lunch she brings the hot food home and while the family eats prepares dinner in the same way.

Weekends are her busiest time since she often has as many as six wedding cakes to decorate, an art she first learned from missionary Mrs. Vance C. Kirkpatrick. "I'm proud that there

## "Finding Teachers"

By Allen Parnell, Pastor, Sarah Church and Askeew Church  
Finding teachers should be a happy and joyous occasion at your church. Cheerful, Spirit-filled, Christians will gladly accept a teaching position as they follow in their Master's footsteps.

Christ was the greatest teacher. Of the sixty times the Greek word for "teacher" appears in the New Testament, over thirty are in reference to Jesus. Christ taught publicly in the open air, in synagogues, and in the temple. Privately Christ continually taught His disciples.

There are various reasons why finding teachers is not a happy and joyous occasion for the nominating committee. One reason is that they are discouraged by many disgusting refusals. For example, the committee members often hear these words:

"No, don't expect me to be at church. I'm not ready yet... maybe next year; but not now!"

"No, just look at what happened last time... remember how they all treated me?"

"No, I don't want to get involved. I don't want everybody talking about me!"

"No, I'm already too much involved in the affairs of the church. I'm planning on not doing anything this year. I'll retire and enjoy being a class member for a while... they have heard enough out of me."

Constant refusals such as these hinder the Lord's work in His church. To refuse because you are not ready yet is to take your eyes off your Teacher, who prayed in the

nothing in or on my wedding and birthday cakes which cannot be eaten—whether it is a rose or a "satin" bow," Mrs. Wamae states.

Cake decorating has become such a big thing with her that a British baker's organization has offered her a three-month course in London later this year.

The only drawback to the bakery, according to Mrs. Wamae, is that she tends to put on weight. At the moment she is on a diet and turns her face firmly away from the fresh confectionery which fills her kitchen.

Otherwise she claims she never loses her keenness for baking and longs for the day when she will obtain a larger bakery and turn Wamae's into a coffee shop.

"When you are building up a business you have to stick with it," she points out. "And when the business is something you really enjoy doing, it isn't difficult to be always on the spot."

Garden of Gethsemane... "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:38).

To refuse because you may be talked about and mistreated is to take your eyes off your Saviour, who was publicly ridiculed and forced to wear a crown of thorns.

To refuse because you do not want to get involved is to take your eyes off your Master, who chose to get involved and it cost Him His life!

To refuse because you are already too much involved with the Lord's work is to take your eyes off your Teacher, who taught these words: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20).

With your eyes fallen from your Saviour, excuses become a hindrance to the Lord's work. With your eyes firmly fixed upon the face of your Saviour, "Finding Teachers" will become a happy and joyous occasion at your church.

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Five people shared numerous cash prizes in a hymn writing contest sponsored by Reconart, cultural ministry of the Near East Baptist Mission of Lebanon. Among them was Jamal Feghall of the Badaro Street Baptist Church who took second prize, two third prizes and a fourth prize. Winning songs are being published for distribution throughout the Middle East.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

First, Lambert: August 11-16; Rev. Wayne Long, pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders, evangelists; 36 decisions; ten professions of faith; one surrendering for special service.

Phillipston, Sidon: August 18-23; Tommy and Diane Winders, Tupelo, evangelists; (pastorless); nine decisions; three professions of faith.

First Church, Ripley: Dr. Rick Ingle, Denton, Texas, evangelist; Fritz Smith of Tyler, Texas, leading the music; 19 professions of faith; three moving letters; numerous rededications; (This revival was preceded by a lay renewal weekend, under the leadership of Sidney Ellis, Greenville); Dr. Paul Wilson, pastor.

## Irish Baptists Witness In War-Torn Country

By Larry Jerden for Baptist Press

Baptists in Northern Ireland are no "neutral third party" in the conflict that rages between Catholic and Protestant in their island homeland—they are a part of the Anglo-Irish Protestant majority.

As such they have had two of their active Baptist laymen assassinated by the Irish Republican Army Provisionals, seen several other members killed in bomb blasts and have repeatedly had to repair church buildings, businesses and homes damaged by explosives.

Joshua Thompson, secretary of the Baptist Union of Ireland, commented on the effects of the conflict on Irish Baptists in his Belfast office:

"I could, of course, tell about church buildings damaged by bombs — there have been several — but let me tell about Raymond Denham.

"Ray was Sunday school superintendent at East End Baptist Church here in Belfast. I think he was about 43 or 44.

"He was a printer, the only Protes-

tant working in his plant. Good printers were hard to find, and the Catholic foreman was more than glad to hire him if he was willing to work in his plant.

"He was willing, but Raymond was also a reserve policeman — a member of a body formed specifically to help the overworked police in their efforts to combat terrorism.

"One night, as she was working, a group of young assassins entered the plant. Some fellow worker — never identified — pointed Ray out, and he was shot in the back. He never saw his murderers." Denham left a widow and two children.

Sadly, it was not difficult for Thompson to recount another story of another Raymond — Raymond Wylie. He was a 25-year-old policeman and youth leader at Lishon Baptist Church. Wylie and a fellow policeman were ambushed and killed while on patrol. He too, left a young widow.

Other stories followed, of three Irish Baptist church members who went for an afternoon stroll and were killed when a car bomb exploded next to them. And of a man who went out into the country to get away from the dangers and the pressure, only to be

killed by a bomb in the small town he visited.

Great Victoria Street Baptist Church in Belfast, one of the largest Irish Baptist churches with more than 400 members, is located across the street from the often-bombed train station. It has long since ceased counting how many times its windows have been blown out, and now posts its own guards for members who drive their cars to services.

Other churches have had roofs blown off, walls caved in — all by the terrorists who perpetuate hatred in the divided province.

But amid the killing and the damage, the terror and the threats, Irish Baptists, some 7,500 of them, continue to minister, continue to evangelize both in the Province of Northern Ireland — part of the United Kingdom — and in the Republic of Ireland.

One of the union's programs, which has had to take on an increased role during the conflict, is the orphan's society. Among others, it is caring for the widows and orphans of Denham and Wylie.

Nor has trouble at home deterred Irish Baptists from their mission thrust. The Irish union has 14 foreign missionaries on the field in Peru and on the European continent, but even that is not a full measure of its overseas involvement.

"Our churches also support several independent overseas missions, and some support the Baptist Missionary Society based in London," Thompson said.

"A study three years ago showed 85 foreign missionaries on the field from Irish Baptist churches," he said, averaging one per church in the union. Thompson also pointed out that, unlike the situation in almost every other European country and with almost every other religious body, Irish Baptists have continued a numerical increase since records were begun in 1885.

Since 1921, for example, when Baptists hit their numerical peak, Irish Baptists have tripled in number.

"Our churches are keen on evangelism," Thompson explained. "They all have visitation programs, are trying to get all-age Sunday School, and we have a number of full-time youth workers."

"The trouble has been a challenge to the local church," commented Jim Henry, pastor of Bloomfield Baptist Church, located near a working-class Protestant area. "It has been a challenge to our faith, but our people have risen to the occasion. They

have made special efforts to attend meetings — even taking the risks to attend night prayer meetings."

"The trouble has shown us a new ministry to children," said Foster Wright, pastor of Church Street East Baptist Church, "and has forced us to shift our emphasis from night to day meetings. We have had some open-air meetings for children, and have instituted house meetings for those unable to get to the church."

Young people from several churches went out in twos and threes during the height of the recent workers' strike that cut power and transportation throughout the province. They risked going out simply to visit and reassure elderly people who were more effected by the situation than they felt they were themselves.

There might have been even more visitation and other work done, one pastor said, but "pastors were very loathe to let their people out in the streets. The streets are narrow, the communities are crowded and a rifle bullet can travel two miles," he said.

Because of the political situation,



## Welcome Week At Blue Mountain

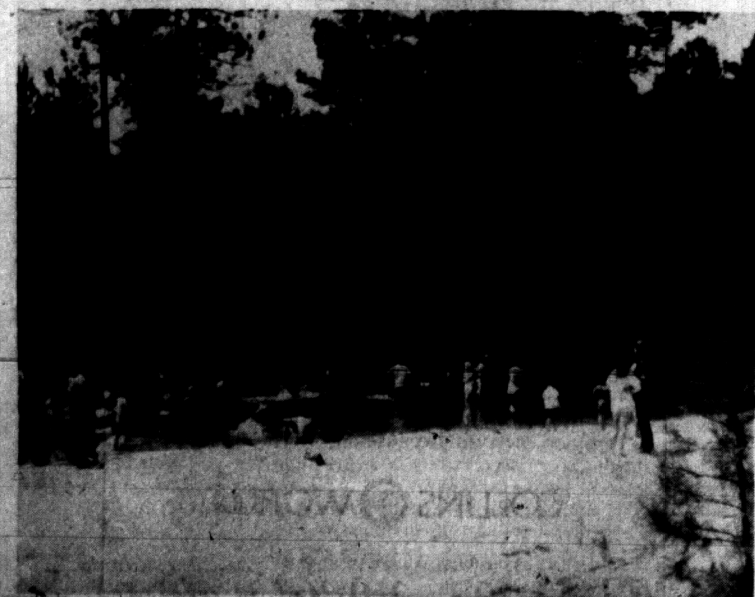
During Welcome Week at Blue Mountain College, these two new students met and had a friendly chat with the Baptist Student Union president. Left to right are Betty Love, Ragon of Bolivar, Tenn., a new mem-

contact with Roman Catholics in the north is very rare. The pastors and denominational officials said contact with Catholics does not exist, with one notable exception.

"The charismatic movement is the one movement that seems to have crossed Protestant-Catholic lines," Wright said. "They come together for fellowship in a divided community. There are things in the movement that would be cause for concern, but they have done what no official bodies have been able to do."

Irish Baptists minister in a situation that many Americans would find intolerable. That they continue to grow is more amazing. But their eyes are set on the future, no matter how clouded that future may be. (BP) — (Condensed from August World Mission Journal.

COBAN, Guatemala — A seminary professor and a representative of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board were on the program at the annual meeting of Southern Baptist missionaries in Guatemala. L. Jack Gray, missions professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., led a daily devotional session. Everett Barnard of the Sunday School Board administered personality profile tests and discussed the scores with the missionaries.



## "Bus" Children Enjoy The Last Of Summer

Pictured is a group of bus children from Pass Road Church, Gulfport, enjoying swimming at Palmer Creek in Stone County. Sixty-one children and bus workers made the trip after Sunday School and morning worship on August 18. Rev. Jimmy Bankston is children's pastor and bus minister at Pass Road. Rev. A. M. Moore, III is the pastor.

## Off The Record

The office Don Juan lost no time in trying to impress the new secretary. He launched into a recital of his accomplishments on the college football team, the dance floor, during the war, and in every other line of activity he could think of.

At the end of his monologue, the girl gazed at him wide-eyed and said, "Have you ever had a group portrait taken of yourself?"

A lady answered her doorbell one day and found a small boy there. "I'm selling pencils," he said, "to raise \$1,000,000 for a children's hospital."

"That's fine," said the lady, "but are you doing this all by yourself?" "Oh, no!" answered the little tot, "another boy is helping me."

For several years a minister and a professor had regularly played golf together. They were very evenly matched, and there was a keen rivalry. Then one spring the professor's game suddenly improved so much that the minister was regularly beaten. The preacher's efforts to improve his own game were unsuccessful, until he had an idea. At a bookstore he picked out three how-to-play golf texts and sent them to the professor for a birthday present. It wasn't long before they were again evenly matched.—American Opinion.

After Calvin Coolidge made it known that he did not choose to run again for the Presidency, he was besieged by reporters for a more elaborate statement. "Exactly why don't you want to run for President again, Mr. Coolidge?" one persistent newsman asked. The President's solemn reply: "No chance for advancement."—Good Reading.

Gene: What happened to Roy's hand?

Dale: He put it in a horse's mouth to see how many teeth the horse had.

Gene: So what did the horse do?

Dale: Shut his mouth to see how many fingers Roy had!—Boys' Life.

Happiness is finding your glasses soon enough to remember why you wanted them.

If the meek inherit the earth, who'd drive the trucks?

People go on vacations to forget things. When they open their bags, they find out they did.

—Sunshine Magazine